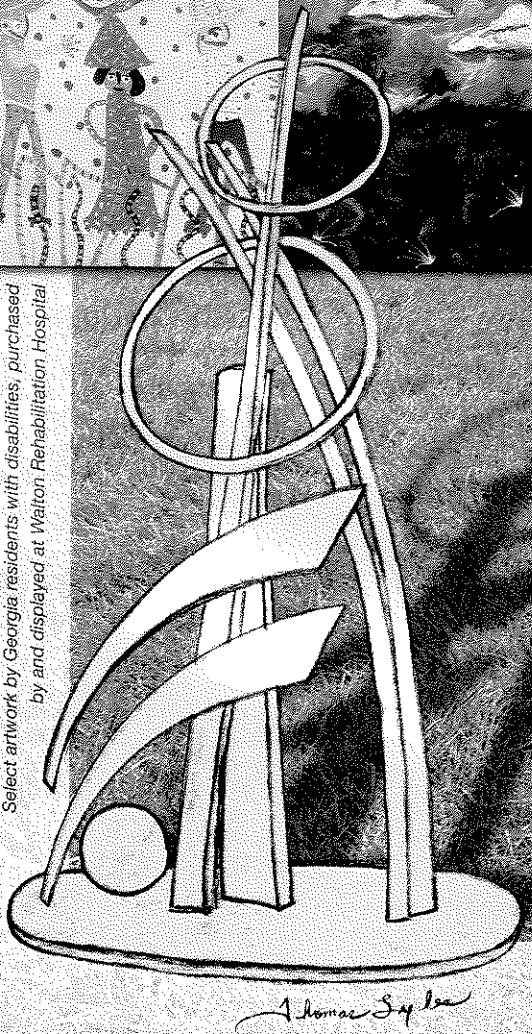
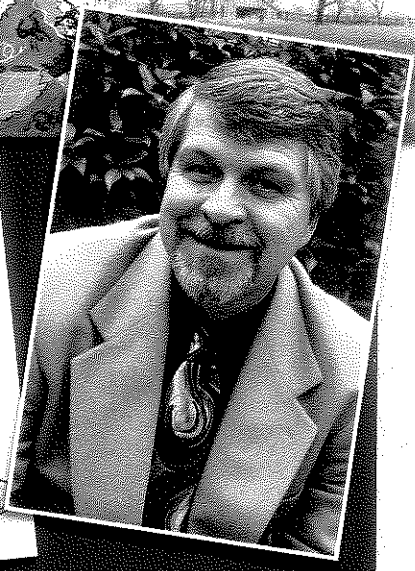
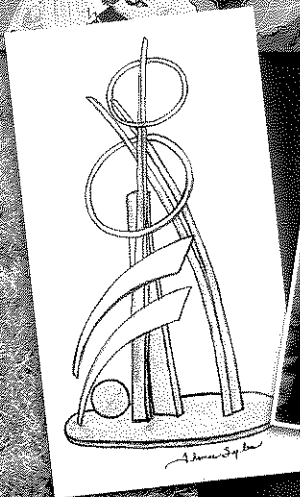


Select artwork by Georgia residents with disabilities, purchased by and displayed at Walton Rehabilitation Hospital



*Thomas Lyles*



**ABOUT THE ARTIST**

*Thomas Lyles artistic work with metals began in 1997 after many years of study and artistic development. Today, owner of Studio Blue and Director of Augusta Technical College Welding and Metal Art programs, creates commissioned metal art works here in Augusta and throughout the southeast. He has also been requested to teach students at the University Federal de Goiânia in Brazil, South America and create a sculpture in the city of Goiás as a lasting legacy. Thomas has been recognized with honors and awards for both his artistic and instructing abilities.*

Walton Rehabilitation Hospital continues an encompassing mission including a premier rehabilitation hospital for the region, accessible housing options for persons with disabilities, leisure and recreational programs and ongoing research and assistive technology development for persons with disabilities.

As a means of furthering the therapeutic experience and in support of those we serve, Walton hosts the Georgia Artists with Disabilities Tour purchasing works of art by artists with disabilities to inspire and console (see above).

An extension of this effort is now including outdoor sculpture. Complimenting our rehabilitative campus, Walton has commissioned renowned metal sculptor Thomas Lyles to produce a special tribute to our healing professionals.

Recently, Tommy shared his design with visiting Brazilian art students who offered comments of how the vertical main represents the physician, the leader of our rehabilitation team. How the rings represent our nursing and therapy staff looking over and helping patients. And horizontal pieces representing motion and equipment used in therapy.

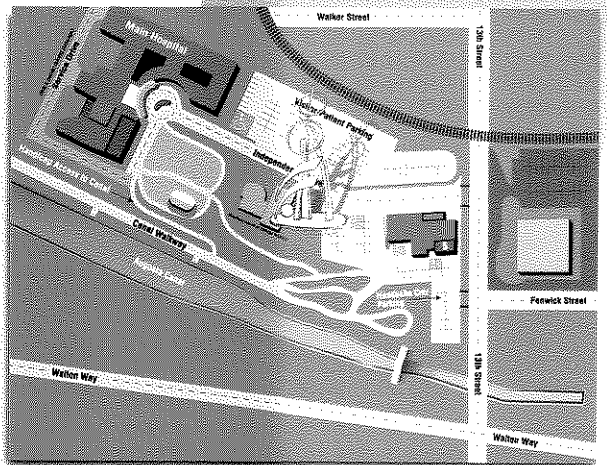
The sculpture will be located at Independence Drive on a landscaped knoll complimenting the grounds of Walton and Meadow Gardens. It will be an impressive addition to our Augusta art community and visible to both motor and pedestrian traffic.

As an opportunity to be supportive of this commissioning, your financial assistance is requested. All gifts will be greatly appreciated and gifts of \$1000.00 or more will be recognized on a dedication marker at the sculpture. Gifts need to be received by April 2008 for marker recognition. Donations should be made to Walton Foundation for Independence for receipt of a tax-deductible acknowledgement.

Thank you for your interest and support.

*Dennis B. Skelley*

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President/CEO



Chosen location for completed metal sculpture at grassy knoll.