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## ANTON ART CENTER ANNOUNCES THREE NEW STUDENT ART EXHIBITS THIS SPRING

Mount Clemens, Mich. - The Anton Art Center announces the return of three student art shows in the spring of 2026:

- *Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show* on display March 14 through April 11 at the Anton Art Center, Level 1 and 2 Galleries
- *2026 Congressional Student Art Show: 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Michigan* open April 18 through May 19 at the Mount Clemens Public Library, Lower Level
- *Macomb County Biennial Primary Student Show* open April 25 through May 22 at the Anton Art Center, Level 1 and 2 Galleries

The two student exhibitions at the Anton Art Center showcase secondary grades 7 through 12 and primary grades Kindergarten through 6 for an estimated combined total of approximately 700 original student artworks by about 600 students. The programs are a celebration of achievement in the arts for student artists, art teachers, schools, and districts across the county. These exhibits are presented by Extra Credit Union.

Not only will the students have the unique opportunity to show their work in a professional art gallery, but they will also be eligible for over 80 special awards with over \$1,700 in cash and gift certificate awards, as well as additional art supplies prizes from the Detroit Institute of Arts. The prizes are as follows:

- **Ken Hoover Best of Show Founder's Award:** Presented to the single most outstanding piece (secondary show only). Cash award provided by the Kenneth and Patricia Hoover Educational Foundation.
- **Best Portfolio Award:** Presented to one selected outstanding senior portfolio (secondary show only).
- **Best of Grade Awards:** Presented to three outstanding works in each grade level, K-12, in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.
- **Honorable Mention Awards:** Presented to selected outstanding work in each grade level, K-12.
- **Art Achievement Certificates:** Presented to each exhibiting student artist.

The Congressional Student Show to be displayed at the Mount Clemens Public Library will showcase grades 8 through 12. Not only will the students have the unique opportunity to have their work professionally displayed, but they will also be eligible for a chance to have their artwork selected to be displayed at the US Capitol for one year.



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Student artists interested in submitting their artwork for these competitions may do so with the help of their art teacher in advance of the entry deadline: February 10<sup>th</sup> for the Secondary Show (grades 7-12), April 15<sup>th</sup> for the Congressional Show (grades 8-12), and April 16<sup>th</sup> for the Primary Show (grades K-6). Details for each show can be found online at [www.theartcenter.org/artist-opportunities](http://www.theartcenter.org/artist-opportunities).

Secondary students, families, teachers, and friends are invited to attend the Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 14, from 1pm to 3pm. The winners of the competition for grades 7 through 9 will be announced at 1:30pm and the winners of grades 10 through 12 will be announced at 2:30pm, along with the Best in Show and Best Portfolio awards. Award ribbons will be posted alongside the winning artworks to be viewed during the exhibit and certificates are delivered to the students.

Primary students, families, teachers, and friends are invited to attend the Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 25, from 1pm to 3pm. The winners of the competition for grades K through 3 will be announced at 1:30pm and the winners of grades 4 through 6 will be announced at 2:30pm. Award ribbons will be posted alongside the winning artworks to be viewed during the exhibit and certificates are delivered to the students.

All are invited to attend the Opening Reception & Awards Announcement for the Congressional Art Show (date to be determined). The first-place award winning artwork will travel to Washington DC for display at the US Capitol for one year.

"The county-wide student art exhibits are an impactful experience for students, teachers, families, and visitors, alike," says Stephanie Hazzard, Exhibition Manager of the Anton Art Center, "In shows of this scale, the gallery space becomes an impressive presentation of emerging talent, emphasizing the importance of arts education for youth of all ages: providing opportunities to develop mental health understanding and problem solving skills, as well as inspiring community involvement, goal-setting, and expanding worldview."

Admission is free to the Anton Art Center and open to the public during gallery hours, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm. The exhibits will be located on the First and Second Floors of the Anton Art Center at 125 Macomb Place in Mount Clemens. Metered parking is available; free after 6pm and weekends.

Admission is free to the Mount Clemens Public Library and open to the public during library hours: Monday 10am-8pm, Tuesday and Friday 10am-6pm, Wednesday 12-8pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-2pm, and closed on Sunday. The display will be located on the



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Lower Level of the library at 150 Cass Avenue in Mount Clemens. Library lot parking is available.

Residents from across Macomb County and area local communities are encouraged to come to enjoy the student artworks.

Visit us online at [www.theartcenter.org](http://www.theartcenter.org) or call 586-469-8666 for more information. The Anton Art Center (AAC) is a registered nonprofit organization with a mission to provide access to experiences that enrich all people through creative expression.

The AAC was founded in 1969 in the historic Carnegie Library building in walkable downtown Mount Clemens, Michigan. Our funders include the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Kresge Foundation, Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Erb Family Foundation, and National Endowment for the Arts.

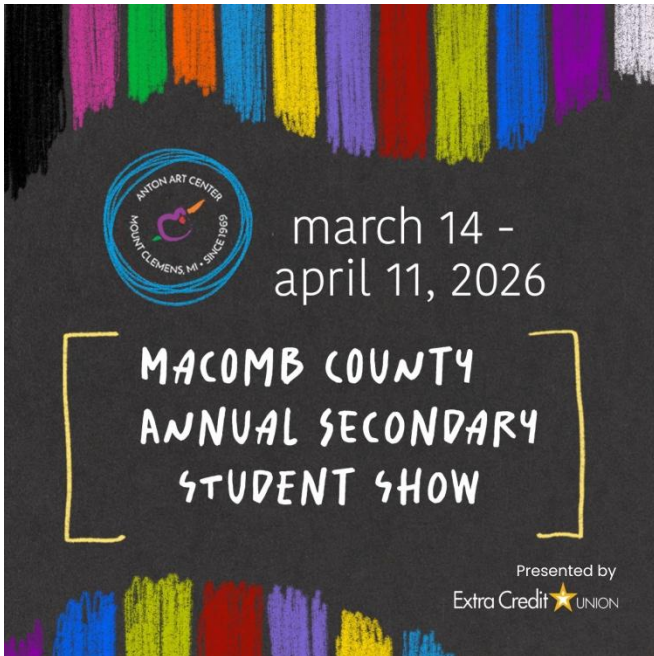
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## **Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show 2026**

Sample images



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*Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show, 2025.*



Grade 9 Best in Show, Natalie Bolak, and Stephanie Hazzard, AAC Exhibition Manager, 2025.



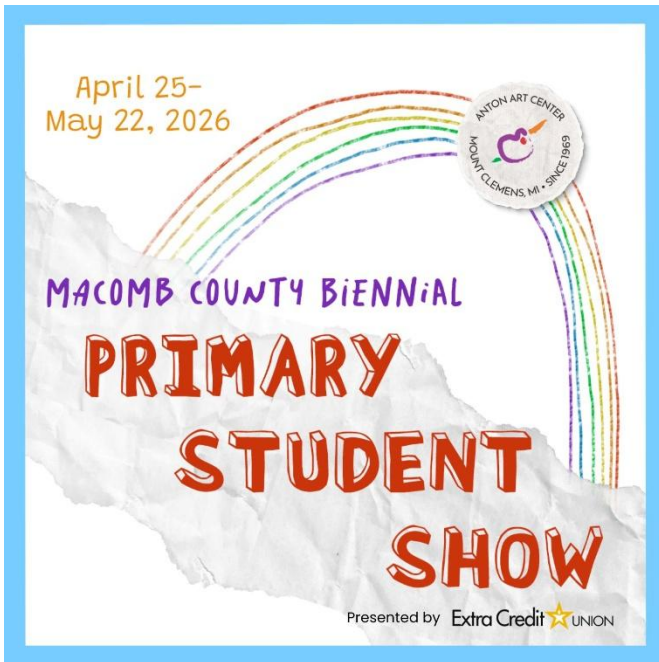
Best in Show Award Winner 2025, Dawson Sarcona, Fraser High School, and Art Instructor, Holly Bolen.





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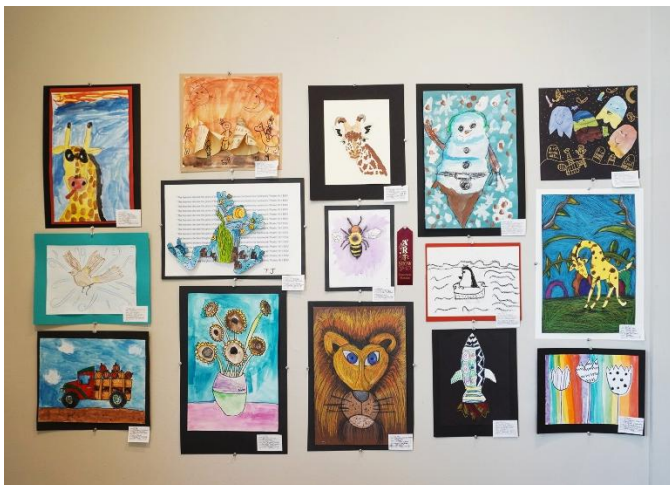
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