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## **ANTON ART CENTER ANNOUNCES *ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS* EXHIBITION**

Anton Art Center is proud to present *Artistic Expressions*, opening on Saturday, July 24, 2021. This exhibition consists of 44 selected artworks by 21 artists from the Shelby Township Fine Art Society. Founded in 2003, the Shelby Township Fine Art Society's purpose is to promote, educate, and encourage fine art. Their inaugural exhibition is juried by local artist and art instructor, Amy Foster.

The exhibition is a collection of original artwork expresses the artists' ideas, feelings, and perspectives through a variety of mediums. "I started painting as a hobby later in life. After experimenting with oils, I fell in love with pastel painting. This picture came together when I saw my son's cornet sitting on a table that held decorations for Christmas. I liked the bright colors reflected in the shiny bell." says artist Rebecca Smith, "If you look closely, you will see an upside-down figure in the bell, which is a reflection of me taking the picture." Artist Patti Conners shares, "For me, the time spent in silence and solitude, while watching the flow and dance of watercolors brings about my creative passion. It's no wonder that the word 'art' is part of the word 'heart'."

For visitors, *Artistic Expressions* is a great opportunity to dive into the life events and experiences of these artists from their point of view. "Reading a book entitled, 'How to Think Like Leonardo Da Vinci', was my gateway into art, and I have now been painting for twenty years." says artist Bea Allebone, "Real life events, experiences, and my love of animals have served as my inspiration."

Artworks will be on display in the Petitpren Community Gallery, on the second floor at the Anton Art Center, as well as virtually on the Anton Art Center's website ([www.theartcenter.org/exhibits](http://www.theartcenter.org/exhibits)). For the safety of staff, volunteers, members, artists, and visitors, the Anton Art Center will host a Virtual Awards Announcement on Saturday, July 24 at 2:00pm. The event will be streamed live on the Anton Art Center Facebook page and is open to all to view, comment, and share. *Artistic Expressions* will be on display in-person and virtually through August 31, 2021.

For more information about the Anton Art Center, visit [www.theartcenter.org](http://www.theartcenter.org) or call 586-469-8666. The Anton Art Center is a registered nonprofit organization located in Mount Clemens, Michigan, with a mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts. The Anton Art Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11am until 3pm; admission is free and open to the public.

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Sample images of exhibiting artwork.



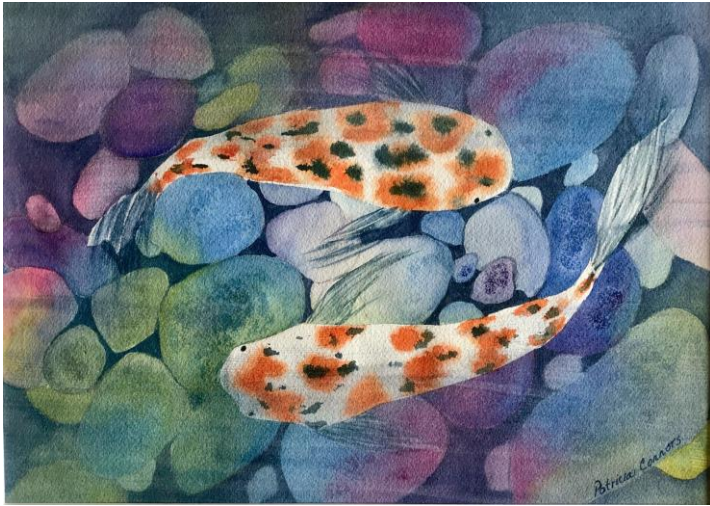
*Festal Cornet, Pastel*  
Rebecca Smith, Shelby Township Fine Art Society



*Just Wading, Acrylic paint on canvas*  
Bea Allebone, Shelby Township Fine Art Society



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*Klearly Koi*, Watercolor  
Patti Connors, Shelby Township Fine Art Society



*Picking Daisies*, Watercolor  
Karen Ann, Shelby Township Fine Art Society



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*Grandpa Eyes, Pastel*  
Barbara Galster, Shelby Township Fine Art Society



*A Mother's Heart, Watercolor*  
Savannah Zaya, Shelby Township Fine Art Society

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