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ANTON ART CENTER TO HOST TWO 2026 MACOMB COUNTY STUDENT EXHIBITS THIS SPRING: GRADES 7-12 AND K-6

Mount Clemens, Mich. - The Anton Art Center announces the return of two student art shows in the spring of 2026: the *Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show* on display March 14 through April 11 and the *Macomb County Biennial Primary Student Show* open April 25 through May 22. These exhibits are presented by Extra Credit Union.

The dual events showcases two exhibitions: 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, depending on the submissions received. The programs are a celebration of achievement in the arts for student artists, art teachers, schools, and districts across the county.

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.

Student artists interested in submitting their artwork for competition may do so with the help of their art teacher in advance of the entry deadline: February 10th for grades 7-12 and April 16th for grades K-6. Details for each show can be found online at 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



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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.

“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 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. Residents from across Macomb County and other local communities are encouraged to come to enjoy the student artworks. Metered parking is available; free after 6pm and weekends.

Visit us online at 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.

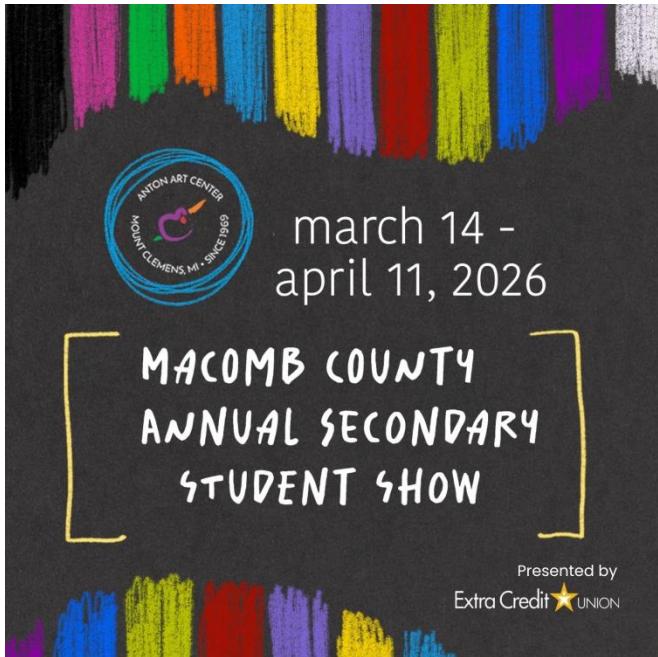
The AAC was founded in 1969 in the historic Carnegie Library building in walkable downtown Mount Clemens, Michigan. Our funders include the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Kresge Foundation, Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Erb Family Foundation, and National Endowment for the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

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Sample images



Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show graphic.



Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show, 2025.



Macomb County Secondary Student Show Award Ceremony, 2025.



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

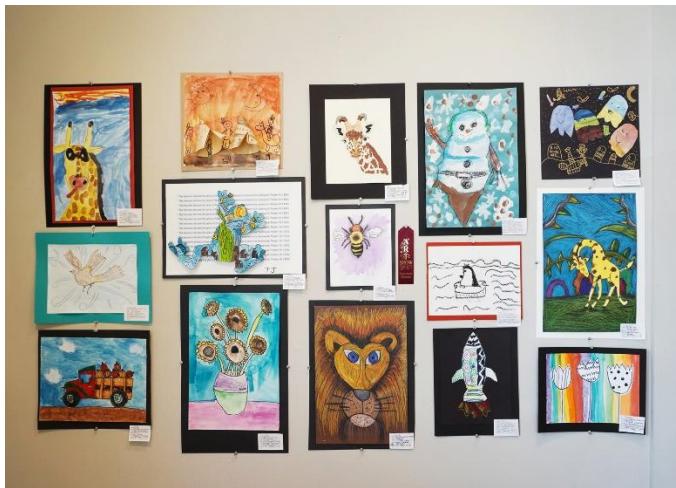
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