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ANTON ART CENTER ANNOUNCES 2024 MACOMB COUNTY ANNUAL SECONDARY STUDENT SHOW PRESENTED BY EXTRA CREDIT UNION

Mount Clemens, Mich. - The Anton Art Center proudly announces the annual county-wide *Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show*, on display March 9 through April 13, 2024, presented by Extra Credit Union. This exhibition showcases 298 selected original artworks from 625 submissions. The event is a celebration of achievement in the arts for 196 students in grades 7 through 12 in partnership with 35 art instructors from a collection of 25 public, private, and charter schools in 12 districts.

Not only will the selected student artists have the unique opportunity to show their work in a professional art gallery, but they will also be eligible for 39 additional special awards with over \$1,200 in cash, gift certificates, and art supplies prizes. The prizes are as follows:

- **Ken Hoover Best of Show Founder's Award:** A \$500 cash award and an additional arts gifts from the Detroit Institute of Arts presented to the single most outstanding piece in the show. Award provided by the Kenneth and Patricia Hoover Educational Foundation.
- **Best Portfolio Award:** A \$250 cash award and an additional arts gifts from the Detroit Institute of Arts presented to one selected outstanding senior portfolio.
- **Best of Grade Awards:** Professional art materials gift certificates and additional arts gifts from the Detroit Institute of Arts presented to three outstanding works in each grade level, 7-12, in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.
- **Merit Ribbons:** Presented to selected outstanding work in each grade level, 7-12.
- **Art Achievement Certificates:** Presented to each exhibiting student artist.

Award ribbons will be posted alongside the winning artworks to be viewed during the exhibit and certificates are delivered to the students with their artwork at the conclusion of the exhibit.

Students, families, teachers, and friends are invited to attend the Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 9, from 1pm to 3pm, hosted by the Mount Clemens Optimist Club. 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.

"The county-wide student art exhibit is a meaningful experience for students, teachers, families, and visitors, alike." adds Stephanie Hazzard, Exhibition Manager of the Anton Art Center, "In a show of this scale, the gallery space becomes an impressive presentation of emerging talent,



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emphasizing the importance and impact 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.”

Student artwork will be on display to the public at the Anton Art Center March 9 through April 13, 2024. Gallery Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm, open select Sundays, and closed Mondays. The exhibit will be located on the First and Second Floors of the Anton Art Center. Residents from across Macomb County and other local communities are encouraged to come enjoy the student artworks.

For questions or information, visit www.theartcenter.org or call 586-469-8666. The Anton Art Center is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, Michigan, with a mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts.

The Anton Art Center (AAC) was founded in 1969 in the historic Carnegie Library building in walkable downtown Mount Clemens, Michigan. The AAC aims to build an open community around creative expression by presenting a wide array of programming to appeal to diverse audiences, providing support for the arts and becoming a focal point for arts programming, and working towards inclusion, diversity, equity, and access in all that we do. Our mission is to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts. Our funders include the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Kresge Foundation, Michigan Arts and Culture Council, the Erb Family Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Sample images



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Lasha Peterson, Grade 12, *Authentic*, Photography, Award Winner; Chippewa Valley High School, Chippewa Valley School District, Instructor Wendelin Wilson.



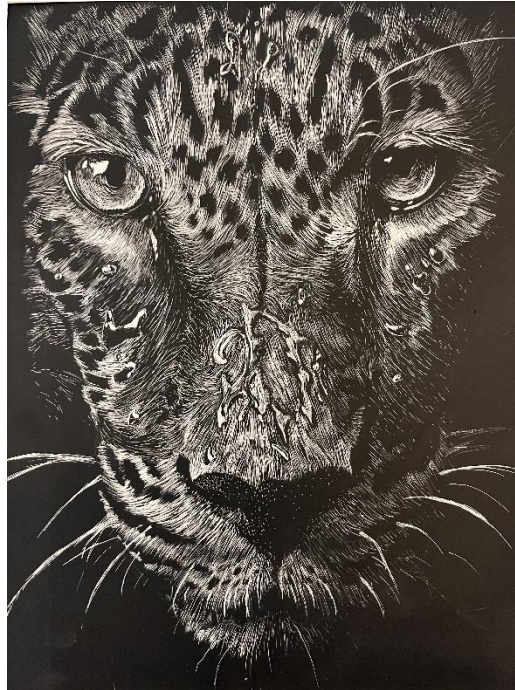
Mya Skidmore, Grade 11, *True Family*, Markers, colored pencil, Award Winner; Mohegan High School, Chippewa Valley School District, Instructor Warren Rupp.



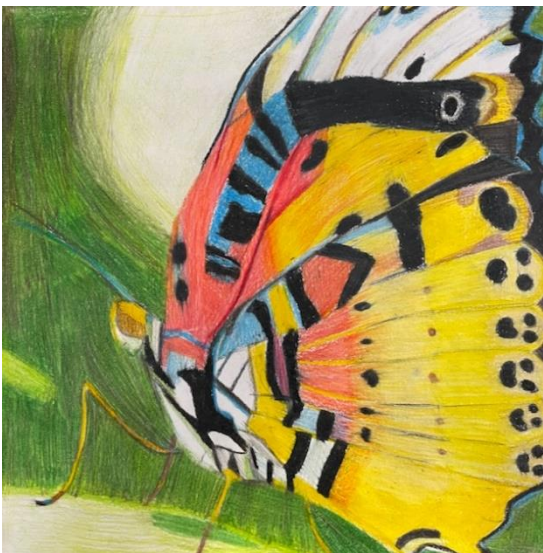
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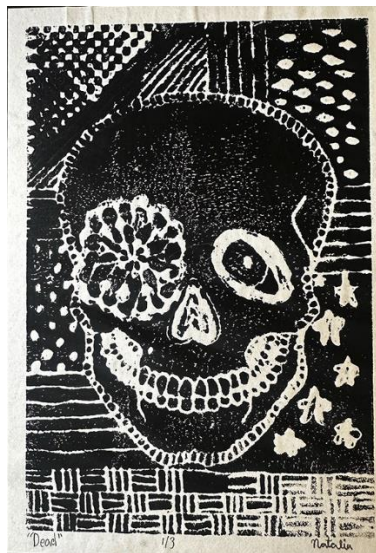
Janae Miotke, Grade 10, *Dancing on the Waves*, Ceramic; Regina High School, College Preparatory School, Instructor Patty Willoughby.



Payton Fertik, Grade 9, *In the Jungle*, Scratch board, Award Winner; Eppler Junior High School, Utica Community School District, Instructor Emily Carlson.



Katia Denha, Grade 8, *Butterfly*, Colored pencil; Bemis Junior High School, Utica Community School District, Instructor Leisa Borrer.



Natalia Rogowski, Grade 7, *Sugar Skull*, Printmaking, Award Winner; Malow Junior High School, Utica Community School District Instructor Kristine Cooper.