



YOUTH EXHIBIT

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"Tree Study" (paint) by

Florence Nightingale

1st Grader at Ben Franklin Elementary nominated by Art teacher Quinn Elliott

Art lets you learn new ways to draw. It's important because you can be and artist. I want to draw really cool things. The fact I enjoy making art.

"Elephant Mandala" (mixed media) by **Emma Middlecamp**

2nd Grader at Ben Franklin Elementary nominated by Art teacher Quinn Elliott

It is fun and helps me calm down, I can express how I make art. Sell it to an art museum. Looking at stuff inspires me!

"Sugar Skull" (oil pastels and tissue paper) by **Aria Lofy**

3rd Grader at Riverside Elementary nominated by Art teacher Quinn Elliott

You can use your imagination to make new things. I want to make changes using my own ideas. A YouTube artist, Minori, she uses her art to change perspective on the world.

"Close up Citrus" (tempera paint on paper) by **Maximilian Andrastek**

4th Grader at Aquinas Academy nominated by Art teacher Laine Soper

Art is important to me because I am the only boy in my family that is not colorblind, so I consider it a privilege to be able to fully see and understand color. I would like to inspire other people to make art. My older sisters inspire me to create art.

"Close up Citrus" (tempera paint on paper) by **Henry Fettig**

4th Grader at Aquinas Academy nominated by Art teacher Laine Soper

Art is important to me because it helps me tell my emotions. I want to make art that makes people happy and brings them joy. God inspires me because of all the nature and beautiful things he's created.

"Crayon Family" (pencil, marker, colored pencils) by **Corabella Swokowski**

4th Grader at Valley View Elementary nominated by Art teacher Field Lehmann

I think art is important because you can use your imagination. In the future I would like to sell my artwork, and my biggest inspiration is my Dad.

"Abstract Face" (acrylic paint on plastic) by **Branson Trudell**

5th Grader at Riverside Elementary School nominated by Art teacher Quinn Elliott

I get to draw things that I like to draw. I can create my own art gallery of my own artwork. My art teacher, he give me ideas for creating art.

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"SpongeBob Night" (colored pencil) by

Thanmathi Menaka Anbumazhavarayar

6th Grader at North Middle School
nominated by Art teacher Montana Walsh

Art teaches patience, it improves creativity, it reduces stress. In the future, I want to use my art as my profession and passion. My mom inspires me to do art.

"Pizza" (oil pastel) by

Simeon Grob

6th Grader at North Middle School nominated by Art teacher Montana Walsh

Art is my favorite thing. I feel happy when I make art. When I grow up, I want to keep making art. I want to be a professional artist someday. I want to make all kinds of art, including drawings, paintings, and sculptures. I like to make art about my favorite things, like pizza, Paw Patrol, and my family.

"Tape Converse" (masking tape, paper) by **Harper Kuhnz**

7th Grader at North Middle School
nominated by Art teacher Kelli McCalligan Vitek

My art piece is important to me because I made sure to pick a shoe that can be easily decorated like the beads on a shoelace because I like to express myself and style through my clothing. In the future once I get better I would like to give people my art if it makes them happy. The person who inspires me to create art is my brother William because he's very good at it and it's a shared interest that we both have.

"Self Portrait" (acrylics and Sharpie marker) by **Anna Hansen**

8th Grader at North Middle School
nominated by Art teacher Kelli McCalligan Vitek

Art has been a main focus of mine since I was young. I have always enjoyed many forms of art and I have met many of my friends through art. Art has helped me not only connect to other people, but connect to myself. Art has helped me express myself and has helped me get through life over the years. In the future I would like to build my art skills and start doing it professionally, along with starting to sell my pieces and/or put them on display. One day I do hope to make a career out of my art.

There are many reasons and people I do art. Part of that is my friends, who are incredibly talented artists who inspire me to create everyday. A person who inspires me in particular is Mrs. Vitek. Mrs. Vitek was my art teacher in early elementary school, and has been my teacher from the past 2 years now in middle school. She is always helping me to create my best work that truly reflects myself.

"Harpy Eagle" (tempera paint on canvas) by **Greta Maier**

8th Grader at Aquinas Academy nominated by Art teacher Laine Soper

Art is a very important building block in my life. I can study art, learn from it, and love it. My favorite aspect of art is that there are so many different parts. There's painting, sculpting, dancing, acting, singing and so much more. My biggest inspiration has to be my family. They inspire all my works.

"Eastern Bluebird" (tempera paint on canvas) by Maria Alegria Quinn

8th Grader at Aquinas Academy nominated by Art teacher Laine Soper

Art is important to me because it makes me feel happy and I can use it to make others happy. I don't have a specific thing I want to do with my art. I mostly draw for others or my personal enjoyment.

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"The Deep Sea Lantern" (acrylic & pen) by **Thao Nguyen**

Sophomore at Menomonee Falls High School nominated by Art teacher Corinne Gonyer

Art is important to me because it is the way for me to express my feelings through each painting. Art is also a way to connect with each other and with ourselves better, it makes my life more colorful. One person who inspires me is Van Gogh, he painted the painting "The Starry Night" which is a work he created while in a mental hospital. He used painting to express his feelings through work. The painting The Starry Night not only shows his loneliness towards the world but also shows his desire and passion.

"Mysterium Magnum" (mixed media) by **Dionn Urbiztondo**

Sophomore at Menomonee Falls High School nominated by Art teacher Corinne Gonyer

Art is an outlet for creativity for most people. For me, art is a way for me to show my creativity while also a tool for me to connect with my culture and background, incorporating elements from my roots into each project I make.

In the future, when I have my own kids, I want them to be able to also have a bridge between them and our heritage. My culture puts a great emphasis on art—it is not only an expression or statement of certain sentiments, but also an expression of our resilient ancestry. Aside from my kids, I

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also want my art to raise awareness towards diversity and representation, and one own's ethos.

Besides my family who appreciates and encourages me to keep on creating art, my culture is a common thread. As a young kid who moved to a foreign country, I make an effort to assimilate into a new world, whilst also keeping one hand dipped in my heritage at all times. The common stereotype for kids who move from my country to the states is that they fully assimilate, I want and need to break that. From personal experience, most kids who move or were born here with Filipino roots are interested in our customs. I strive to be an example to learn more and connect with one's background, especially when one's country is on the other side of the globe.

"My Red Converse" (clay and acrylic) by **Rilee Bender**

Junior at Menomonee Falls High School nominated by Art teacher Kari Galaska

Art is something that is truly significant to me. It has allowed me to share my creative side, and explore my capabilities. Art has let me express who I am and who I want to be, and I find it important because art has shaped me into who I am today. In the future, I want to continue to grow with my skills. I would love to create art for others and hopefully even sell some of my pieces. I will also potentially pursue art throughout my college years. I've been inspired by a few things to create my artwork. For example, I have had multiple pieces where the focal point has been glue or Danny DeVito, mainly because I found it comedic at the time, but now I get inspired by my own life experiences. I use my habits and interests to form ideas on what to make.

"Grass-fed Beef" (oils) by

Gracie Bitner

Senior at Chesterton Academy
nominated by Art teacher Geoff Butz

"A Slice of Ginger" (graphite) by Ginger Mai Foster

Senior at Menomonee Falls High School
nominated by Art teacher Terra Chmielewski

Art to me is a fundamental factor of society. It is all around us in everything we do. Without art or creativity we would be nothing. In the future, I want my art to represent a pillar of what my peers can achieve with ambition and integrity. My creative drive is inspired by the incredible artists I surround myself with in both school and community.

"Self Portrait" (digital art) by **Harmony Smith**

Senior at Menomonee Falls High School
nominated by Art teacher Terra Chmielewski

Art is important to me because it's one of those things that allows individuals to express themselves outside of a standard. Whether it's drawing, painting, etc., there will always be some type of story behind the story creation. In the future I wish to pursue a career in graphic design/digital art. What inspires me to create art is the fact that I can explain how I feel through graphics so it's easier for my audience to understand. I'm not that good with putting my thoughts into words so making art is my way of communicating clearly with people and so that they can be on my same level of understanding.



The Art Guild of Menomonee Falls'
"Young at Art" youth exhibit has been a goal
of this organization since its inception:
to formally recognize young art talent
within our community.

Each featured young artist was nominated by his/her art teacher: merit-based on their passion, efforts and performance in the visual arts.



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