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## **ANTON ART CENTER ANNOUNCES 2018 MACOMB COUNTY BIENNIAL PRIMARY STUDENT SHOW**

The Anton Art Center presents the 2018 Biennial Macomb County Primary Student Show. This exhibition is open to all students in Macomb County currently enrolled in grades K-6, either homeschooled or in private, parochial, or public schools. This year, the Anton Art Center received 352 artworks from 246 students presented by 18 teachers from 26 Macomb County schools.

An opening reception will be held at the Anton Art Center on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm – 3pm. Awards for grades K-3 will be announced at 1:30pm and awards for grades 4-6 will be announced at 2:30pm. Refreshments provided by the Mount Clemens Optimist Club. Awards to be made include:

- **Best of Grade** awards (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at each grade level), an award of art supply gift cards given for three outstanding works in each grade.
- **Merit Ribbons** awarded to selected outstanding work for each grade (three per grade level)
- **Certificates** will be awarded to each participating student.

Phil Gilchrist, Executive Director of the Anton Art Center, is looking forward to the show. “Supporting creativity among our youth is important. Research has shown that children with regular access to arts programs perform better in school, and we are happy to provide opportunities to showcase artwork from students in our community” says Gilchrist.

“The K-6 Student Show is a fantastic ongoing collaboration between the Anton Art Center staff and volunteers and the Macomb County art teachers and students,” adds Stephanie Hazzard, Exhibition Manager. “The children worked very hard on their art and they light up when they see their creations in the large galleries. It is a great community effort that produces a really wonderful show!”

The 2018 Macomb County Biennial Primary Student Show will be on display until June 3rd.

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 10am until 5pm; admission is free and open to the public.

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**Sample images of student artwork**



*Lady Bug*  
Heather Williams, Grade K  
Wiley Elementary



1<sup>st</sup> Grade display detail  
Second floor, Anton Art Center



*Lego Batman*  
Hector Martinez, Grade 5  
Wiley Elementary



*Joyful Bird*  
Jillian Hulley, Grade 6  
Parkway Christian School



5<sup>th</sup> Grade display detail  
First floor, Anton Art Center



*Blue Fish*  
Emma Melton, Grade 6  
Art Box Studio Homeschool



*Stormy Spring*  
Ava McEvoy, Grade 2  
Naldrett Elementary



4<sup>th</sup> Grade display detail  
First floor, Anton Art Center