



ArtCenter Manatee Welcomes the 6th Annual Manatee County School District K-12 Exhibit Opening Reception May 2, 5:00-7:00pm

BRADENTON, Fla. April 26, 2019 – ArtCenter Manatee once again joins with the School District of Manatee County to showcase the work of over 200 K-12 visual arts students.

According to the National Arts in Education Association, learning to paint, create a website or design an energy-efficient home requires mastering skills which are often invisible to the naked eye, but are developed through a strong visual arts education. In Manatee County, we're fortunate to have a Board of Education that has made a continued commitment to teaching the visual arts in its elementary, middle and high schools. By partnering with ArtCenter Manatee, that commitment is furthered by giving these young artists a 'voice' – three museum-quality galleries – where their work can be professionally displayed and where the artists can receive positive recognition by a wider audience.

ArtCenter Manatee offers the gallery space and marketing to help these budding artists get their due. The ArtCenter will also award scholarships to art classes to students whose work is judged to be among the best in each of four grade ranges: K-2, 3-6, 5-8 and 9-12.

For many students, it will be their first experience in preparing their work for display, and certainly for pricing their work with an eye to selling it. For most students it will also be the first time they have ever been to an art gallery. The experience will give students real world experience in the process of preparing artwork for exhibit, and the lessons they learn will stay with them throughout their lives.

With the help of our community, and the many students who participate, it is sure to be even better than last year's exhibit.

The opening reception, will be on Thursday, May 2nd from 5:00-7:00pm. Light, kid-appropriate snacks and beverages will be served. Exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

We hope you'll join us for this celebration of art by our students.

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About ArtCenter Manatee

Founded in 1937, ArtCenter Manatee celebrates its 82nd Anniversary this year. Located in downtown Bradenton, Florida, ArtCenter Manatee is the premier center for art, art education and unique gifts in Manatee County. The nearly 10,000 sq. ft. building features three galleries, five classrooms, an Artists' Market gift shop and an art library featuring over 3,000 art volumes.

Day, evening and weekend art classes for adults and children are offered year round in painting, drawing, pastels, pottery, jewelry, photography and more.

The Artists' Market features unique, affordable gifts by local and regional artists. Our online store, LiveArtfully.org, features the work of local artists. Exhibitions in the galleries change monthly and showcase local, regional and national artists. Meet the exhibiting artists at the monthly evening opening receptions.

For more information please visit <http://www.artcentermanatee.org> or call 941-746-2862. Hours: M/F/S 9-5, T/W/Th 9-6, closed Sunday.

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Castle Landscape, Watercolor by Megan, 3rd Grade



Fish, Ink, Pencil, Markers by Hailey, 8th Grade