

# Showing a little heart

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BELOIT — Beloit Memorial High School (BMHS) artists are baring their hearts at this year's High School Art Show at the Beloit Fine Arts Incubator.

The students have created 32 hearts including 3D ceramic models as well as large fabric sculpture, a collage and more. Some hearts have flowers springing out of them, while other are filled with tears and thorns.

“With violence in town, and globally, we thought we needed a bit more love in the world,” said art teacher Elizabeth Carpenter.

The Beloit Fine Arts Incubator will host its annual High School Art Show starting Friday. This show highlights the creativity of young and upcoming artists from F. J. Turner High School, BMHS, Rock County Christian School and Hononegah High School.

The artwork includes both two and three dimensional pieces and will be on display from April 1 through April 30. A reception for the public to meet the artists will be held from 5 - 8 p.m. Friday. The reception is free and open to the public.

At BMHS, teachers Carpenter, Cass Reichenbach and Lindsay Gagnon have led up the annual show for students. On Monday Carpenter was working with her students to hang the different artwork in the shape of a heart.

BMHS student Mackenzie Hallett said she wanted to show her heart to be dying, but with flowers and leaves bringing it back to life.

Angelica Vargas constructed her colorful and happy heart out of felt and sequins. She noted her prom dress is going to sport the same turquoise-and-sequin look.

Carpenter explained there is also a video art installation. Students took a video of themselves talking about school. They will project the video on an abstract person sculpture with moving eyes and more.



## High School Art Show

(From left): BMHS students Mackenzie Hallett, Angelica Vargas, Angelie Tuchs-Sanchez, Liz Santacruz and Casandra Montes-Aguilar hold heart artwork. The Beloit Fine Arts Incubator is pleased to announce it will host its annual High School Art Show this Friday. The artwork will be on display from April 1 through April 30.

Casandra Montes-Aguilar was working on her political art display. Using black tarpaper, she was making an American flag like a fence to illustrate the border between the U.S. and Mexico. The paper cutouts showed bars for the stripes, and 3D barbed wire for the stars. In the lower corner, however, was the image of a citizen reaching out to welcome immigrants.

“There’s a certain amount of people who want immigrants here. I thought of the American flag as a symbol of freedom of coming to this country and being one with others,” Casandra said. “America is great because people reach out and bring others home.”

Casandra also created a heart titled “heart for humanity” which she said was made knowing how corrupt society can be at times.

She said she hopes to get a job in video production by always wants to do political art on the side. She recently did a self-portrait combining Donald Trump and El Chapo.

For those unable to attend the event, the gallery is open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mondays; from 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday. Located in downtown Beloit, the Beloit Fine Arts Incubator offers upcoming as well as known artists a place to display their artwork.

For more information, please call the Beloit Fine Arts Incubator at 608-313-9083.