

# CENTER WILL SHOWCASE HIGH SCHOOL ART

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Hillary Gavan/Beloit Daily News (From left): Beloit Memorial High School art students Isaic Pulliam, Rosita Voss, Alex Lara and Kassumy Montiel-Reyes work on art projects. The students will have their work featured in the Beloit Art Center's show which kicks off Friday.

BELOIT - The Beloit Art Center's High School Art Show will give the community a glimpse of creativity in the future.

Artists from Beloit Memorial High School (BMHS), Beloit Turner and Rock County Christian School will show off their paintings, drawings, jewelry, collages, two and three dimensional works and more.

The month-long showing will kick off with a reception from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the Beloit Art Center, 520 E. Grand Ave. People can also view the works in April from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Mondays; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Elizabeth Carpenter, art teacher at BMHS, said the show will include 80 works from 60 of her students.

"We've got some really strong individual work. Students just get better and better every year," Carpenter said.

Madeline Cawkins, a budding artist at BMHS, said the show is a great way for the community to view student art as opposed to only their teachers seeing it.

Cawkins will be showing a sculpture at the show she calls "Punk Plague Doctor." The sculpture depicts one of the masks worn during the plague which resembles a dark bird beak. Cawkins said she's always been fascinated by the masks and wanted to create one that would be more modern and futuristic.

Her mask sculpture has already had success in other shows. She had a Gold Key win from the State Scholastic Arts Competition and went on to compete at the national level.

Cawkins said she loves sculpture, with a cabinet filled with them. Her other favorite creations include Chester, a chest that is monster; a trench coat with a mouth; Medusa's face on a goblet; and a brain monster coming out of a book.

"I like being able to take a material and turn it into weird concoctions," she said.

Student Kassumy Montiel-Reyes is showing "Muse," a portrait of herself holding a camera in New York City. Drawn in charcoal, the portrait is designed to show her love of photography. It includes pictures of New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., in the background.

She is also showing her work titled "Silenced," a portrait of her friend Alex Lara covered in a burka and unable to speak to represent women in the Middle East who cannot speak out.

Student Isaac Pulliam will be showing his two charcoal portraits of classmates Amaya Avila and Aimee Cobos. He also created a collage piece - a sanded "National Geographic" cover with images covering it such as a heart and a football. The project was designed to show depth.

Carpenter said the show also features two sculptures created for the Vans Custom Culture contest where students design Vans tennis shoes.

Madeline Cawkins created one of the Vans sculptures with the theme, "off the wall" with details such as a dog nose and tongue. The other Vans sculpture, with the theme "local flavor" was designed by Aaron Larrabee, Juan Cuellar, Maleny Salazar and Caroline Sandoval. The local sculpture includes the old Beloit water tower, an O.V. Shaffer sculpture, scenes of the Rock River and Big Hill Park as part of the tennis shoe creation.