

Artistic Expressions

LOCAL STUDENTS PAINT THE FUTURE

Teenagers have to follow rules at home and at school, but some area high school students found an outlet where the rules don't apply. Art is a way for them to express themselves without limitations. As the art scene in South Placer continues to evolve, we set out to see who will be making a big splash in years to come. Join us as we tour local high schools and discover the budding artists our teachers are fostering today.

Student: Sarah Walden
High School: Del Oro High School
Instructor: Paula Amerine
Graduating Year: 2006

Sarah Walden, 17, a senior at Del Oro High School, says she likes art because it has no rules. "I can be as creative as I want. There are no boundaries; it's just me and a piece of paper." She was just five when she painted her first watercolor of birds and a tree. Her work has evolved over the years, but she still likes to paint scenes from

everyday life using delicately brilliant watercolors. Her paintings evoke the feel of faraway places even though they depict locations close to home. She has exhibited pieces at the Midtown Framing Gallery, and her painting "Hotel California" appeared in the Congressional Art Show in Auburn. Last year, she entered a piece in the Roseville Arts Annual Student Art Show, and her painting "Brother's Face Abstract" will be in the show this year. She says that her intention was to make fun of her little brother, Chris



Sarah Walden



Walden, 15, but that backfired because he actually loves the painting!

Student: Alina Kroma

High School: Woodcreek High School

Instructor: Dave Branstetter

Graduating Year: 2007

Though she's only 16 years old, this high school junior's paintings have a decidedly darker feel. The young artist wants her work to touch people, and this is evident in her pieces "Christ," "Mother Teresa," and "Tears." "I like painting realistic portraits of people and things people care about," Kroma says. She uses dark acrylic paints and charcoal for her artwork. "I have been painting ever since I can remember," she says. The Roseville art contest will be her first, but she doesn't yet know which

one of her paintings will be entered as her art teacher will be making the final selection. She plans to continue taking art classes in college while she majors in aviation.

Student: Adam Planas

High School: Roseville High School

Instructor: Joyce Henry

Graduating Year: 2006

A Roseville High School senior whose work is laden with emotion got carried away with his emotions when creating a birthday present for his mom. Adam Planas, 18, usually paints or draws but wanted to try something different and decided to experiment with glass. His stained-glass picture of a rose came out better than he expected, so Mom's present is now being entered in the stu-

dent art contest. His work has been entered in school shows before, and he had one piece in the Roseville show last year. He started drawing when as a child and plans to pursue a career in graphic design or fine art after graduation. "For me, art is a passion. No matter what is going on in my life, it is always there, and I really enjoy it," he says. "I like painting people, their faces, and their body language. Emotions are always expressed through your face."

Student: Amy MacMaster

High School: Roseville High School

Instructor: Joyce Henry

Graduating Year: 2006

Amy MacMaster, 18, a senior at Rocklin High School, is an artist and an accomplished musician. "I combine



Alina Kroma



Adam Planas



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two things I enjoy: the piano and art," she says. She has been playing the piano for eight years and has been painting even longer. Her dad, Bruce MacMaster, is also artistically inclined and introduced her to art when she was young. The two used to create oil paintings in the garage. She says she has always enjoyed art, and even though she still likes oil paintings, her favorite medium is now acrylic. This will be the third year that her work has been entered in the Roseville art contest. Last year, she was awarded an honorable mention for a piece called "My Life Pleasures." In this painting, she included objects of great meaning to her, like friends, family, music, and religion. "I like to express my feelings through art," she says. "There are no limits and I can express anything I

want." In the fall, she plans on majoring in illustration at Brigham Young University in Utah and then intends to fulfill her lifelong dream of writing and illustrating children's books.

Student: Jessica Delacy
High School: Roseville High School
Instructor: Joyce Henry
Graduating Year: 2006

Jessica Delacy, 17, a senior at Roseville High School, incorporates her dreams into her paintings. "I draw a lot from my dreams," she says. "It takes you to a place only you have or know and conveys what words cannot. My art consists of primarily fantasy creatures that I've been creating and pulling from dreams and daydreams since I was young. Being able to put what I dream

into a physical form and sharing what I see is my release." Delacy has entered a couple of community contests before and says she is always excited to enter new ones. It gives her the chance to not only show her work but also see the talent of other local artists. The piece she is entering in the Roseville student contest is still untitled, but she says it's a stained-glass depiction of her bedroom wall, which is covered in license plates and road signs she has collected over the years. After she graduates, she plans to study art and design with an emphasis on animation and graphic design.

Student: Sean Oray
High School: Roseville High School
Instructor: Joyce Henry
Graduating Year: 2006



Amy MacMaster



Jessica Delacy



Fellow Roseville High School senior and artist Sean Oray, 17, started taking drawing seriously when his sixth-grade teacher told his parents about his talent after he drew a detailed leaf and branch for a science project. He has been drawing ever since and plans on majoring in the arts once he graduates. "I draw every day and I would go crazy without it," Oray says. He uses different media but paints mostly with oil. His painting "Mesa Arch," of a stone archway in New Mexico, will be in the Roseville Arts Show.

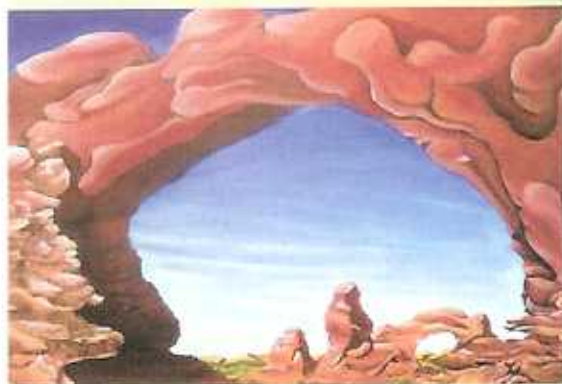
Student: **Emily Reese**

High School: Granite Bay High School

Instructor: Myron Stephens

Graduating Year: 2006

Emily Reese, 18, is a senior at Granite Bay. Her entry is a self-portrait called



Sean Oray



Emily Reese

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"Shades of Vanity." This is the third year that her work has appeared in the Roseville Arts student contest. Reese got her start in high school and now plans on majoring in art after she graduates. She likes to paint with acrylics and also likes to draw with pastels. "I like seeing the end product I create and thinking, wow, I did that!" she says. "Art is an experience where you are constantly growing."

Student: Parker Carson
High School: Granite Bay High School
Instructor: Myron Stephens
Graduating Year: 2008

Parker Carson, 16, is a sophomore at Granite Bay. His first-ever entry in the student contest is an acrylic painting of a family portrait. Carson says that he

always doodled on his papers, and it seems to have paid off because he plans on pursuing art once he graduates. "Art is a way to express yourself, and I express myself through my art," he says. "Art is something people can appreciate and respect."

Student: Jeff Quinn
High School: Granite Bay High School
Instructor: Myron Stephens
Graduating Year: 2006

Jeff Quinn, 17, senior at Granite Bay, is entering a piece called "I'm taking you with me," a colorful depiction of an abstract octopus. He usually paints realistic photos but wanted to try something different. "Art is therapeutic for me," Quinn says. "I like the process

of painting. Putting all my thoughts and ideas on paper is what I like about art." He plans on majoring in biochemistry and minoring in art after graduation. He entered his work in various contests before entering the Roseville Arts contest. Two years ago, he won best of show at the Roseville Arts contest and has also won first place at the California State Fair five times.

The Roseville Arts 24th Annual Student Art Show was on March 18, 2006. It featured artwork from students from Rocklin, Roseville, Loomis, and Granite Bay. "Our audience is blown away every year by the work coming out of our young people," says Beth Rohlfes, the curator of Roseville Arts. **IRM**



Emily Reese



Parker Carson



Jeff Quinn