

New art exhibit features work by GISD students

This week the Georgetown Public Library has three continuing art exhibits. In the lobby we have an African-American history month exhibit featuring artwork by local artists Norma Clark, Devon Clarkson, Carson Durden, Mariah Howard, Brian Joseph, Tracey Mixon and Alexander Ortega. Also downstairs we

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have photographs by Craig Meurer. And upstairs we have paintings, drawings and prints by Helena Conson-Hatch, who generously raffled an original painting and donated the proceeds to the library at her January

artist reception.

Thank you to all the artists showing their work in the library this month.

We'll enjoy those exhibits all we can until they end over the weekend, and then on Feb. 25, exhibit spaces both upstairs and downstairs will be filled with art by students in grades K-12 from the Georgetown Independent School District.

The GISD K-12 Art Exhibit is an annual event that celebrates the creativity of student art and demonstrates the robust art programs in all GISD schools. Students explore and refine their skills in a wide variety of media and techniques including photography, ceramics, painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture and textiles.

Art students in GISD also have opportunities to experience art through service learning projects, collaborative art in the form of community murals, capstone projects and college and career readiness.

Come see the surprising range of work students are doing, and if you come to the exhibit reception on Feb. 26 you can thank the creative and engaged art teachers who guide the students' efforts every day.

Speaking of art, March 1 is the day the library will begin accepting proposals for art exhibits in 2021. We're looking for original exhibit concepts from solo artists or groups. The best method for submitting a proposal is online, through



Artwork by GISD K-12 students will be on exhibit in the Georgetown Public Library February 25-March 5. A public reception will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. February 26.

Coffee Co. counter)

- up to six images of your work
- the URL to your website (optional)
- a general description of your artwork
- a little about your art background, with the option to upload or attach a resume
- your availability to install and remove an exhibit in any given month of the year

I am happy to consult with any artist or exhibit coordinator before they submit to help them strengthen their proposal.

Proposals will be accepted until May 15 at midnight. There is no advantage in turning in a proposal early, so take your time.

Once the call for proposals has closed, the library's art committee will review all of the proposals and make the selections for 2021.

Applicants will be notified by June 1.

We love our library artists and we are grateful for

their generosity in sharing their work with the public year-round. So many people come through the library every day, and we heartily believe in the value of art in people's daily lives.

In both 2018 and 2019, the library was voted "Best Place to View Art" in the annual Best of Georgetown awards, so we know people love to see our permanent

art and the changing exhibits. If you are an artist, please consider submitting a proposal for a 2021 exhibit. For more information about the process, please visit library.georgetown.org/art

See you in the library!

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Submittable.com. Each proposal should include

- proposed exhibit title
- description of proposed exhibit concept
- exhibit locations you would prefer (second floor Bridge Gallery, second floor Hall Gallery or first floor Cafe Gallery, which includes the wall near the public use computers and two walls by the Red Poppy



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