This week, the Georgetown Public Library has three continuing art exhibits. In the lobby we have an African-American history month exhibit featuring art work by local artists Norman Clark, Devon Durden, Mariah Hatch, who generously raffled an original painting and donated the proceeds to the library at her January art reception.

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

We’ll enjoy these exhibits all we can until they end over the weekend, and then on Feb. 20, 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.

Artists 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. 20 you can thank the creative and engaged art teachers who guide the students in their work.

Speaking of art, March 1st 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 a 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
- Your desire to share your work with the public and your reason for wanting to exhibit

Submittable.com Each proposal should include:
- A proposed exhibit title
- A 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 Puppy)

Proposals will be accepted until May 15th at midnight.

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 1st.

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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