**SAPS students shine at area art shows**

Students from grades 1-12 have had their artwork selected to exhibit in several area art shows. During the month of March, 125 pieces were chosen to represent Stephenson Area Public Schools at the Upper Peninsula *Youth in Art* exhibit at the Bonifas Art Center in Escanaba. Congratulations, students, on your hard work!

The students received 14 awards. These included:

**1st grade** – Mia Martinez, *“Mola”* – MEA Award and the Bonifas Award

**2nd grade** – Austyn Buelteman, *“Fish”* – GFWC Award

**3rd grade** – Kelsie Cooley, *“Fall Leaves”* -DSISD Award

**4th grade** – Easton Hoppe, *“Falling for Foreshortening”* – Kiwanis Award

**5th grade** – Adria Ruleau, *“Still Life”* – VERSO Award

**7th grade** – Hannah Corey, *“Flower”* – Kiwanis Award

**7th grade** – Devon Groleau, *“Blue Moon Fishy”* – GFWC Award

**7th grade** – Olivia Reynolds, *“Bloop. I’m a Turtle”* – VERSO Award

**8th grade** – Ethan Oczus, *“Zentangle Skull”* – Kiwanis Award and the Bonifas Award

**8th grade** – Arena Zamora, *“The Zentangle Llama”* – GFWC Award

**10th grade** – Breanna Stanislawski, *“U.P.”* – Bonifas Award

**Group Project – students in grades 10-12 -***“Tropical Bird”* – GFWC Award

The Menominee Area Arts Council and Spies Library are sponsoring the *Youth Artist Exhibit 2018,* now through April 27, 2018. The artwork in this exhibit is from Menominee, Marinette, Peshtigo, and Stephenson Area Schools, grades 1-12. A reception will be held on Saturday, April 21, for 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to honor the students whose work is included in this exhibit. The awards ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Spies Library.

Five students had their work selected to represent each of the Stephenson schools. From **Stephenson Elementary:** Mia Martinez, Austyn Buelteman, Ava Schwittay, Shelby Betters, and Jazmyn Havelka. Representing **Stephenson Middle School:** Evalyn Labs, Olivia Reynolds, Faith Putnam, Canaan Elson, and Rosalee Babin. Pieces from **Stephenson High School** were created by: Ariana Fadroski, Danielle Parrish, Nicole Freele, Mary Hartges, and Lexy Hornick.

The Menominee Area Arts Council encourages the public to stop by to view the creative work of all area young artists.

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