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## Art by Longview Students on Display in Mahopac

Making art is a personal experience, and the paintings and drawings created by Longview School students currently on display in the Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Public Library demonstrate their individual and unique response to the creative process.

The work by the 21 Brewster students, ranging in age from 7 to 19, will remain on view at the library through July 12.

When art is prepared for an exhibit, the natural tendency is to focus on the end product. Less obvious is the journey that led to its completion – the layers of color that produce the final background, the painstaking drawing and redrawing to find the right proportions of a figure, the pursuit of that elusive shade of red that is “just right.”

There is the dramatic, undeclared self-portrait. Someone may be striking out for the first time with color, a new drawing material, or an 11-by-17 piece of good quality paper used by a student who has been concealing tiny sketches in a small sketchbook.

More important than all of these is the courage it takes for some of the students to depict visible evidences of one's self in the world.

Art and creativity classes at Longview, led by artist and educator Sharon Nakazato, emphasize the tactile qualities of materials

along with myriad ways to access imagination and experience new ideas.

Several of the pieces in this exhibit were drawn and painted with plant materials harvested while on a hike. There are works incorporating acrylic texture mediums and others that explore different types of graphite. A work of multi-colored shapes within shapes also includes cardboard cutouts and colored thumbtacks. One piece was completed by a student based on a colored drawing passed around the class.

All of the students recognize ways in which art and creativity has helped them in a variety of other pursuits.

Students participating in this show include Henry Bailey, Raymond Bailey, Danyelle Becker, Marcus Berichi, Simonne-Anais Clarke, Zachary Clarke, Emmeline Eaves, Adam Eichhorn, Hana Foulk, Kaylah Fusiak, JohnCarlo Hodge, Max Hodge, Devorah Landau, Julia Lang, Koryn Lindhjem, Ben Marisco, Ken Russell, Alyse Santella, Viola Veronis, Rio Vieira and Ryann Weakley.

For more information about Longview School, visit [www.longviewschool.org](http://www.longviewschool.org). To learn more about the Young Arts Gallery, located on the first floor of Mahopac Public Library, visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 108.



A drawing by Simonne-Anais Clarke.