



## FINE ARTS UPDATE

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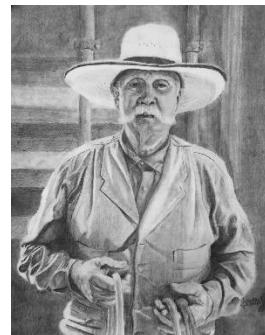
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### **Artscape Opens October 1!**

The Artscape 2021 opening is Friday, October 1, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Myers Gallery. For over 30 years, exceptional examples of student art have been carefully selected and displayed in Athens Academy's exhibit Artscape. One of the Academy's favorite traditions, this show includes work by students from all divisions and reflects a wide variety of media and impressive quality. (Artwork at right by Lucy Hayes '23 and Katie Scott '24.)

You are invited to visit during the Artscape opening on October 1 or stop by and enjoy this outstanding exhibit during our normal school hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Masks are required. The Artscape 2021 show will run through December 3.



### **Fall One Act Play: *Quilters***

The Drama Department is thrilled to be "walking the boards" once again! After last year's foray into filmed performances, the cast and crew of *Quilters* are grateful to be in rehearsal for a live performance! *Quilters* is a musical by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek, and lyrics and music by Barbara Damashek. It is about the lives of American pioneer women based on the book *The Quilters: Women and Domestic Art* by Patricia Cooper and Norma Bradley Allen. The show was originally developed and produced by the Denver Center Theater Company. It had a brief run on Broadway in 1984.

The stories told in this play speak of the hardships and joys of pioneer life through the lens of the prairie woman. Women—mothers, daughters, sisters, and wives—living and surviving in the wilderness left a legacy for their families and for us. Unlike the memoirs bound in books, their life stories were stitched in fabric—storytelling by quilts.

Company members include Harper Purcell, Sara Mack Lowe, Alexis Keeney, Eliza Connolly, Mills Crosland, Ainslee Stonecipher, Lee Chandler, Julia Drake, Mikaela Murph, Maddie Connor, Kate Farmer, Charlotte Wilhite, Emaani Sims, and Renee Cargill. Stage Managers are Kartik Menke and Norah Iezzi. Phillip Doherty is working lights and the director is Lorraine Thompson.

Join us for this amazing show, October 14-16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bertelsmann Presentation Hall. Admission is \$2 for seniors and students, and \$5 for adults. Masks are required for all audience members.

### **Stitching Together a Community**

The Athens Academy Drama Department is currently working with two local community groups, Modern Athens Quilts and Young Designers Sewing Program. Modern Athens Quilts is a group that strives to celebrate and educate the modern quilter. They are a branch of the Modern Quilt Guild. An exhibit of some of their smaller quilts is on display in the lobby of the Bertelsmann Building. We are lucky to have these wonderful works on exhibit until October 29.



The Young Designers Sewing Program is an Athens-based, non-profit organization that started in 2009 and was incorporated in 2012. This program serves young people in the community, specifically those who live at or below the poverty level. Their goal is to teach young people in grades 4-12 the art of sewing, as well as other skills that prepare them for the future such as social skills, etiquette, workplace readiness, basic business principles and practices, and much more. In addition to designing fabric and clothes, the young sewers have even designed and made smaller quilts. The Young Designers Sewing Program was selected to be the recipient of any funds donated on our annual one-act benefit night. This year the benefit performance will be held on Thursday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bertelsmann Presentation Hall. Members of the group will be available for questions and conversation in the lobby before the show. Examples of the student sewers' work will also be on stage during our performance. We hope you join us for this great opportunity to support such a worthy group.