



Each Spring, the Miller Art Museum partners with art educators from across the Door Peninsula community, along with their students in grades 9 – 12, to showcase outstanding artwork in the *Salon of Door County High School Art* exhibition. A community-wide celebration, this much anticipated annual showcase has been a staple of the Museum's exhibition schedule for nearly fifty years. This year's virtual exhibit features artistic contributions by 83 students amounting to nearly 130 imaginative works representing a wide variety of media including painting, drawing, photography, graphics, and digital media from five partnering public schools: Gibraltar, Sevastopol, Southern Door, Sturgeon Bay, and Washington Island High Schools.

Each school's art curriculum introduces new techniques and artistic approaches throughout the year, leading to an inspired and innovative group of works. The ongoing realization of this exhibit is due in no small part to the dedication of the art teachers—we send appreciation to Nicole Herbst, Melanie Jones, Klayton Kindt, John McCaulley, and Emily Salm—who, especially this year in the midst of a global pandemic, continue to dedicate themselves to the success of their students. This year's Salon and accompanying awards have been made possible with financial support from: **John and Kathy Campbell, Dennis and Bonnie Connolly, Door County Medical Center, the Jacksonport Women's Club, Carl and Ruth Scholz, and The Townsend Foundation** with additional in-kind and financial support from the **Wisconsin Arts Board** with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the **National Endowment for the Arts**.

Artistic achievement should be celebrated, even if circumstances dictate a virtual exhibition! Museum founder and visionary Gerhard Miller believed this deeply and the Salon remains, to this day, a core component of the exhibition program for the Miller Art Museum each and every year. He enthusiastically supported and encouraged the involvement of young people in art; he understood, as research continues to confirm, that participation in the arts is linked to better academic, social, and economic achievement. This exhibition not only highlights the achievements of our young people in Door County but also honors this work and the critical importance of arts education.

The Museum is very pleased to present the work of these remarkable students—congratulations, all!