



Art Gallery and Exhibits

Through January 20: Entries from the Jessye Coleman Council of PTAs Annual Art Competition

The PTA/PTSAs of the 18 schools in the Jessye Coleman Council are again participating in the National PTA Reflections Program.

Reflections provides students from preschool through grade 12 the opportunity to explore and learn about various art forms. Students are encouraged to create and submit works of art in four areas: literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

The theme for 2004-2005 is **A Different Kind of Hero**. The Friends are happy to bring you selections from this year's local entries.

For more information, see www.pta.org/parentinvolvement/familyfun/aboutreflect.asp.



January 17 to February 28: Oil Paintings by Harold "Gene" Mordt

Mordt, 76 years old, has been painting as a hobby for 8 to 10 years and finds it a relaxing pastime. Moving to West Marietta from Jacksonville, Florida in the early sixties, he was impressed by the number of people in the area interested in art.

Mordt paints in oils only on stretched canvas or masonite board. He does not like the term "self-taught" as he believes every painter can use help - be it art books, art videos, or just observing art in museums. Mordt states the best advice he ever received was: "Remember, it is not in the hand; it is in the eye."

Collections on Display

January 3 to February 28: Japanese Rice Paper Jewelry by Sheila Giddens

Giddens began her art in earnest by studying the Yamasaki Technique of Japanese Rice Paper Collage under Mr. Yamazaki's daughter, Ruriko, during the early 1980s. She moved to Atlanta in 1989, continuing to perfect her rice paper collages.

In 1992, she expanded upon this form with another Japanese technique of art called "Raku" for making hand-built pottery and jewelry. She has studied the Raku art form and clay sculpture with several teachers, and has extended her art work into colored pencils. Most of her art involves some form of wildlife which was introduced early in her life by her father.

Giddens has been a member of the South Cobb Arts Alliance since 1989, holding several offices including president from 1994 to 1996. She was selected Volunteer of the Year in 1999, and has more awards than we have space to list.

Visit her website at www.artshow.com/giddens.

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