

About the Art and Student Artists Featured on Pages 23 and 24

★ **Morning Sky** (front cover) by Ishika Chakraborty, age 14. “To me, art is an expression of emotions, a way to put your feelings into an image of colors and shapes.”

Art featured on page 23:

1. **Moonlight Mountain** by Dantong Chen, age 10. “I love to draw and paint because it makes me happy and it’s calming. I wanted to paint the mountains because I really liked the colors and I like drawing and painting landscapes.”

2. **Misty Peaks** by Tracy Hu, age 16. “I enjoy creating art because it allows me to express myself and relax. I like how I can just focus on my brush and colors and watch as an image slowly starts to come alive from the canvas.”

3. **Vietnam Morning** by Mohini Iyer, age 12. “Personally, I love art because it is an activity of self-expression and creativity. I’ve always enjoyed expressing my thoughts onto a canvas as a way to reflect. I love painting and drawing during my free time. Art has always been a way for me to show my creativity and personality.”

4. **Paris** by Ella Kim, age 12. “I chose this Paris scene because of the monochromatic colors. I thought it would be more interesting to paint compared to the more colorful ones.

5. **Rainbow Cave** by Amelie Wei, age 14. “I chose to paint this cave because I love how colorful and mystical it looks. It is somewhat modern, which I found interesting.”

6. **Self-Reflection** by Bettina Wu, age 17. “I enjoy painting because it gives me freedom to explore new ways to express my creativity.”

7. **Dancing Seals** by Sylvia Wu, age 9. “I like art because I can have a good imagination. Also it is fun!”

★ **The Rose** (on page 18) by Xiya Lin age 16. “Oil painting is fun for me because I get to sit down, relax, and just paint. It is different from school and other extracurricular activities which are full of stress and competition. Painting, however, is different and I enjoy it very much!”

★ **Toucan** (on page 16) by Mikayla McHart, age 10.

Art featured on page 24:

1. **Alpaca Twins** by Annabelle Zhang, age 10. “I enjoy painting because it’s so fun and motivating, while also helping me to get creative. It overjoys me to see my progress over time!”

2. **Best Friends** by Ayush Chakraborty, age 10.

3. **Cityscape** by Timothy Yin, age 17.

4. **Serene** by Jayshing Goolsby, age 12. “Art surrounds me in my everyday life and comforts my feelings of unrest. I love how methodical, yet free art is and how it projects that sense onto me.”

5. **Tibetan Mother and Daughter** by Jayling Goolsby, age 14. “The interpersonal relationship that connects mother and daughter has always meant a lot to me. I painted this picture because I wanted to explore that subject and gain a better understanding of what it means in a woman’s life.”

6. **Red Panda** by Ava Vivek, age 9. “The reason why I painted the red panda is because they are my favorite animal.”

7. **A Pretty Little Girl** by Fiona Lin, age 14. “I like art because it brings me a lot of comfort after a long week of school. I also like feeling accomplished after finishing my painting.”

8. **Friendly Raccoon** by Sophie Myrick, age 9. “Art is calming and enjoyable, and gives me a sense of accomplishment after completing a painting.”

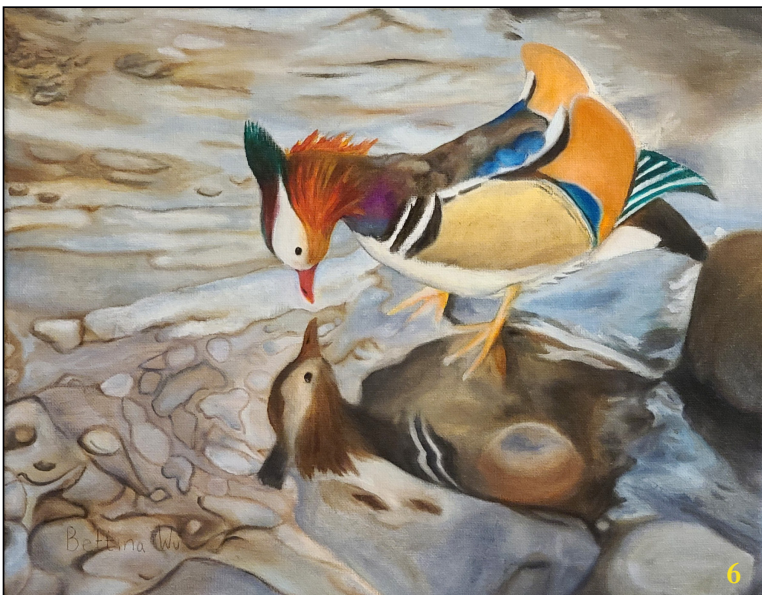
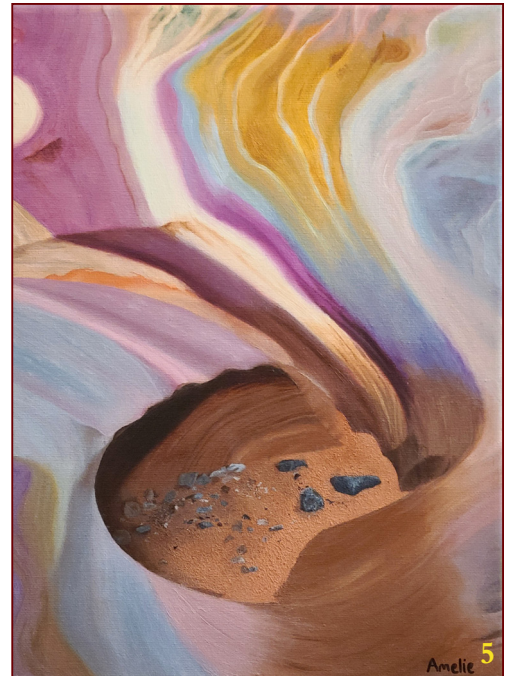
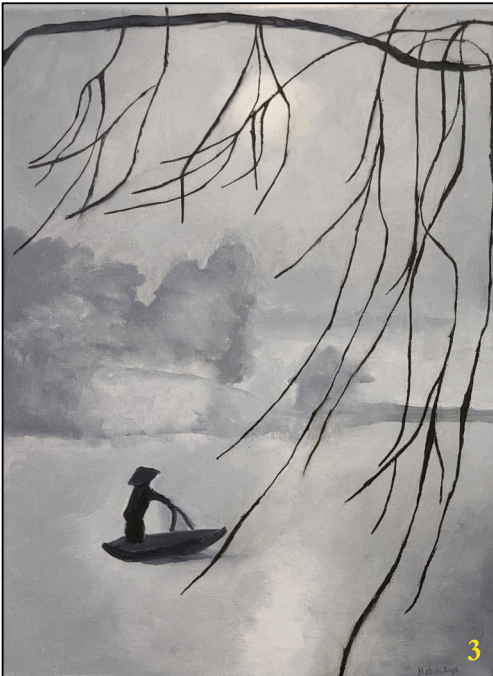
9. **Danger** by Summer Yin, age 14. “I was drawn to this image because I liked its dramatic lighting, colors and poses. I felt that it was one of those scenes that you could stare at and think about for hours.”

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