

# MIND OF MINE: VICKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL AP STUDENT SHOW



2021

The “Mind of Mine 2021” exhibit included collective works of the 2020/21 Advance Placement Art Students at Vicksburg High School. Students created a body of work encompassing their passions throughout the school year. Students used their own experiences, struggles, and research to express those passions without words. Along the way, these students learned how to use their strengths and refine their weaknesses to make their artwork a successful reflection of their artistic ability. “Mind of Mine 2021” included mixed media and mixed creativity. Works from Independent Studies students were also included in the exhibit.



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## **Mind over Mind Exhibit Showcases Vicksburg High School AP Art Students**

By Caitlin Burr

This year's AP Drawing Art students enrolled at Vicksburg High School have the opportunity to share their original pieces in the Prairie Ronde Gallery located in Vicksburg, Michigan. The students titled their collective work "Mind of Mine 2021". This exhibit will allow each student to reveal their personality to the public in a different light. Throughout the school year, students have worked hard to create a body of work containing fifteen pieces of art that encompass their passion.

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Vicksburg High Schools AP Drawing class was fortunate enough to receive financial assistance through the Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation's Bardeen Grant to help fund this event. This money helps provide funding for publications and the development of a digital art gallery. This digital art gallery has multiple purposes. Not only will it be archival so the students' work will be accessible for future years to come, but it will also provide access to viewers from the safety of their homes when social gatherings are limited. This event will take place in person with mask and social distancing requirements. The opening reception will be on Friday night, May 14th, from 6-8 pm, Saturday, May 15th, from 2-5 pm, and Sunday, May 16th, from 2-5 pm at the Prairie Ronde Gallery, 101 E. Prairie in downtown Vicksburg. The digital galleries will be available at [vicksburgarts.com](http://vicksburgarts.com).

In preparation for this exhibit, The Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center, with direction from Syd Bastos, President and Acting Director of the Cultural Arts Center, paired the AP art students with area artist Natalya Critchley. When these students were not working on their pieces in class, they spent time going on trips to local art galleries and personal meetings with Critchley. During these visits, students learned about Critchley's experience and growth as a professional artist to prepare for their own AP portfolios. In Critchley's studio, students gained inspiration from her advice and direction to follow their artistic voices. Each student's growth from this experience will help them take the next steps in their artistic journey.

Three independent studies art students will also have works on display in the gallery.





# KATIE BELL EXHIBIT



Hello, my name is Katie Bell; I am currently in year 11 at Vicksburg High School and enrolled in AP Art. In my body of work, I decided to base my paintings on something very personal to me. I created paintings of a 1968 Firebird convertible, the car my grandparents Frank and Mary Evelyn Bell gave to me when I was a child. I really wanted to paint this because it is extremely special to me and is one of the only things I have from them. I have always been interested in art, as was my grandmother. I really love how I can combine my grandpa's love for cars and my grandma's love for painting in this body of work. I used acrylic paint on wood because when I was younger, my grandpa would always take us to walk in the woods.



Firebird #1



Firebird #2



KATIE BELL  
EXHIBIT

Firebird #3



Firebird #4



Firebird #5





Firebird #6



Firebird #7



Firebird #8



Firebird #9





Firebird #10



Firebird #11



Firebird #12



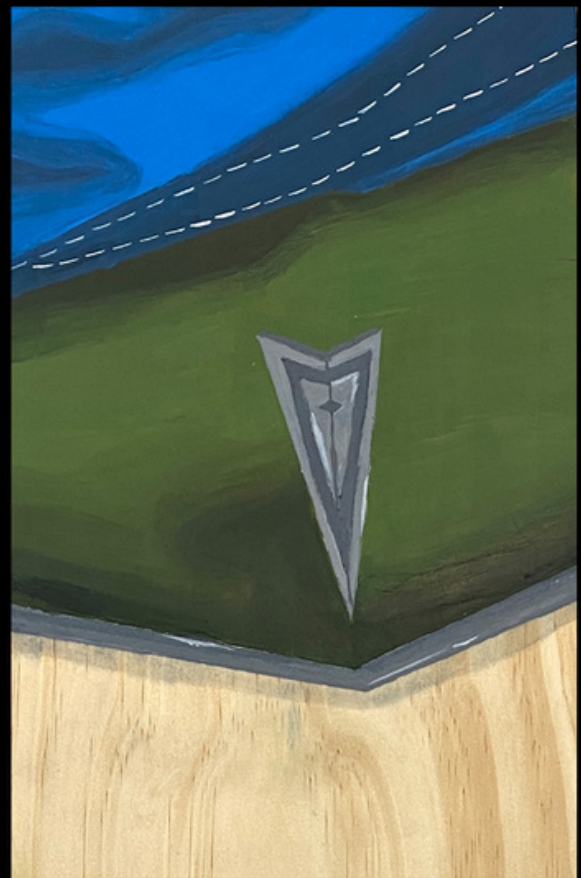
Firebird #13



Firebird #14



Firebird #15



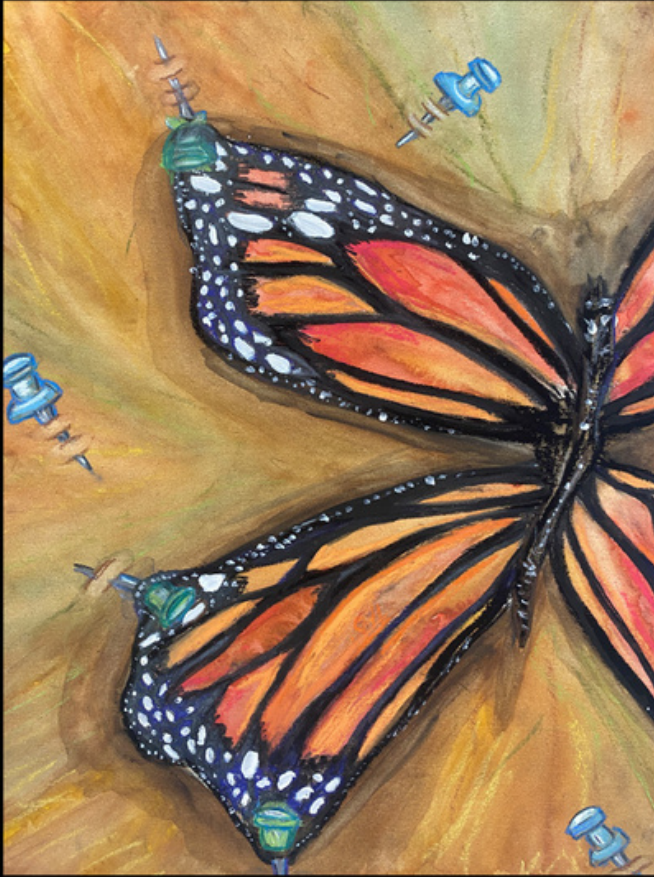
# CAITLIN BURR EXHIBIT



My name is Caitlin Burr, and I am a senior in the Vicksburg High Schools AP Drawing program. I enjoy art because it allows me to express myself however I feel necessary. I am more prideful in my work when it has personal meaning to who I am as an individual. I have had a strong interest in butterflies ever since I was young; I am always so astonished by their beauty. For these reasons, I chose to create a concentration with 15 pieces of art that display young adults' daily struggles as they find their way to independence. I think these everyday thoughts and activities that relate to my life can also be applicable to my viewers. The importance of quality mental health and well-being is often forgotten during the stressful journey of adulthood. It's hard for teenagers to be unbothered by the pressures of society's standards without feeling the need to change who they are or who they are becoming.



Deceiving Responsibility



Dime Catcher



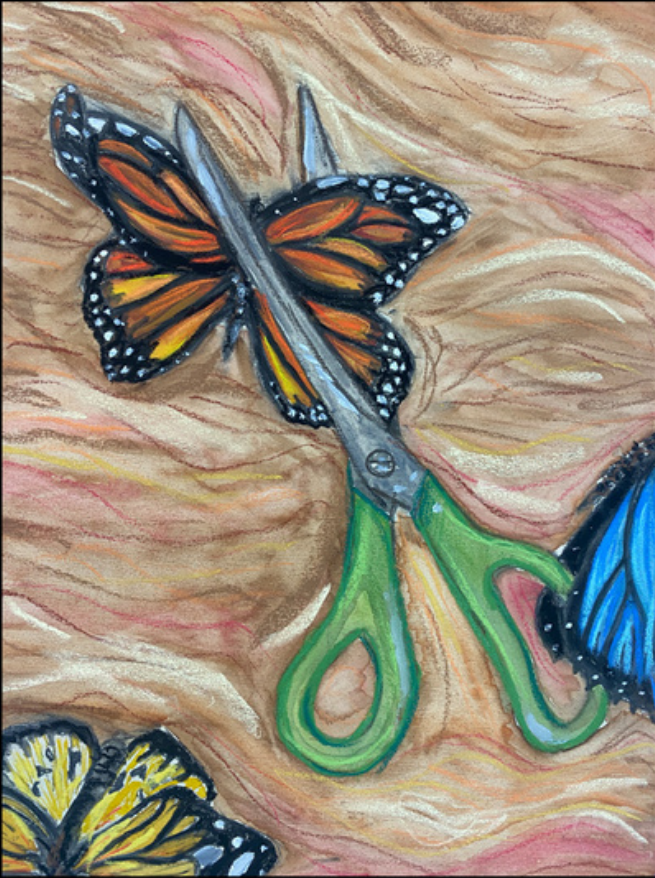
Flying Gears



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EXHIBIT



Clipped Wings



Morning Oppression



Rules of Freedom



CAITLIN BURR  
EXHIBIT

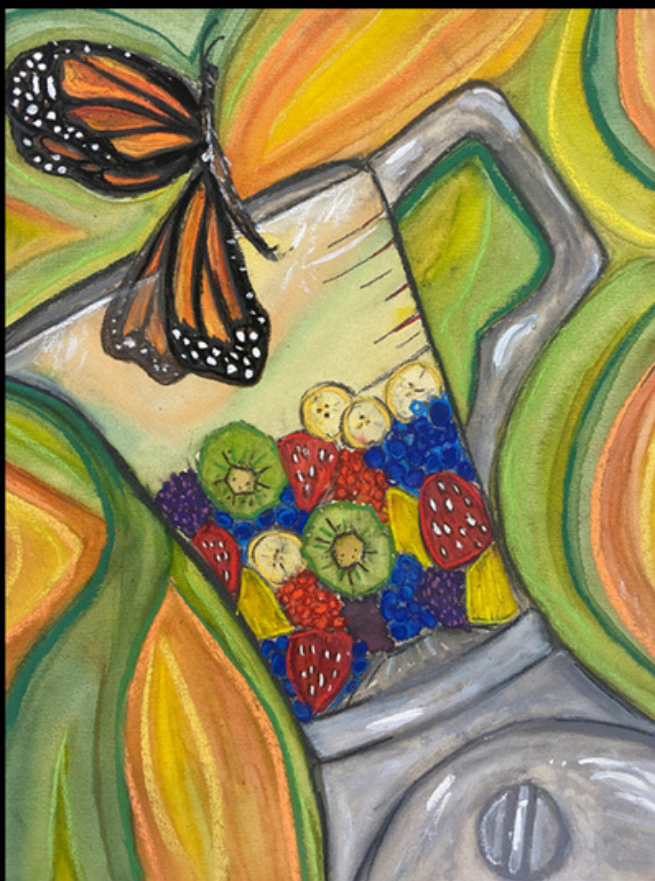


CAITLIN BURR  
EXHIBIT

Toxic Influence



Twisted Blades



Messy Impressions





## Sticky Mistakes



## Ceaseless Suffocation



CAITLIN BURR  
EXHIBIT

# ANNA DEPRIEST EXHIBIT



I am Anna Depriest, a 10th grader at Vicksburg High School enrolled in AP drawing. I have focused my concentration on illustrating a fantasy story that I hope to turn into a graphic novel in the future. I have always been interested in art in many different styles. My concentration is created with ink and watercolor, but my true passion is digital art. I spend my time drawing things that I feel very passionate about, such as mythological creatures, dogs, and reptiles.



# ANNA DEPRIEST EXHIBIT

Syberuous Pass



Forgotten Memories





# ANNA DEPRIEST EXHIBIT

Dawning Age



Shifting Woods



Feathers of Defense





# ANNA DEPRIEST EXHIBIT

Shifting Woods



Preying Gaze



Rising Rebellion





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EXHIBIT

Queens Lair



Sailing Whales





# ANNA DEPRIEST EXHIBIT

Lost Horns



Phoenix's Betrayal



Phoenix Tree



# AMANDA MILLER EXHIBIT



My name is Amanda Miller, and this year, I am a senior at Vicksburg High School. As a more reserved individual, I spend most of my time partaking in primarily artistic activities, as drawing has always been my favorite way of expressing myself. This year, I developed concentration pieces representing how I felt the past year as I had lost two important individuals. The theme is centered around the idea of not wanting to let go of the past yet being stuck in a reality that only moves forward. This is shown in my drawings as in each one, I am present in the dull, grey reality, peering into the vibrant past through a virtual reality headset, wishing I could relive those memories all over again.



# AMANDA MILLER EXHIBIT

Cheerleading



An Old Hobby





You're Not Here



You Don't Know What You Have  
Until It's Gone



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EXHIBIT

Grandma's House



Dealing with Emotions that Never Left





Old Memories



Reminiscing



The End of an Era



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EXHIBIT

Acceptance



Happy Thoughts



The Past is in the Past





# ALLYSON NASTER EXHIBIT



My name is Allyson Naster, and I am a senior at Vicksburg High School. I have participated in many programs in our high school, including volleyball, basketball, track, musical theater, band, and art. Throughout this year, I have developed my environmental AP concentration. This concentration is helping to target the destruction caused to the creatures on this planet and raise awareness towards this struggle. I hope to shed light on the many harmful situations we have put our planet through and hopefully show them in a brighter light. Only we can make the change in saving our planet, and that change should start today!

## Save the Birds



## Save the Elephants



ALLYSON NASTER  
EXHIBIT

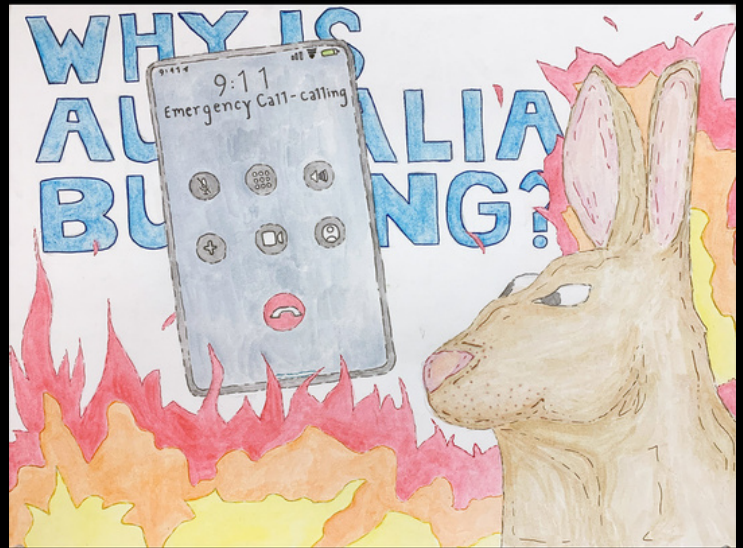


ALLYSON NASTER  
EXHIBIT

Save the Frogs



Save the Kangaroos



Save the Manatees





ALLYSON NASTER  
EXHIBIT

Save the Turtles

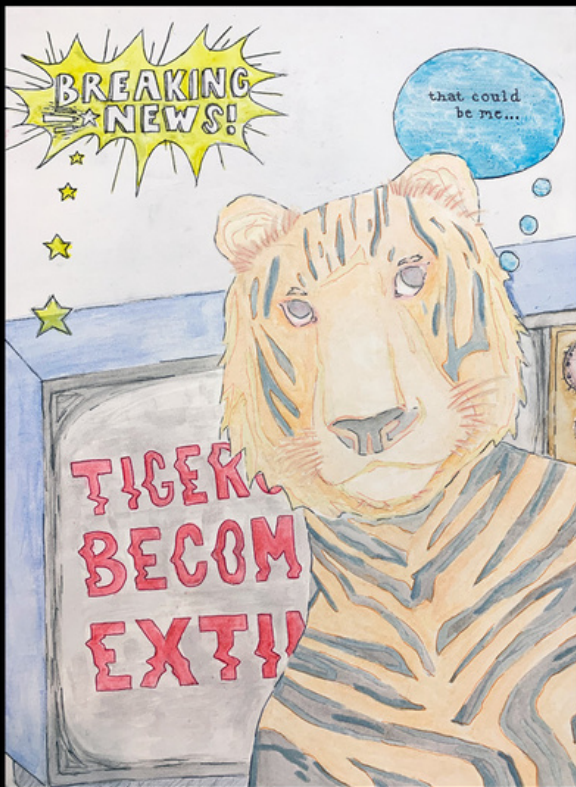


Save the Polar Bears





## Save the Tigers



## Save the Planet



## Save the Bees



ALLYSON NASTER  
EXHIBIT

# NORAH PALOMAKI EXHIBIT



Hello, my name is Norah Palomaki. I am a student artist at Vicksburg High School. Outside of being creative and doing my own little art projects, I enjoy things like hiking, skiing, camping, swimming, and all things outside. This is what inspired me for my concentration this year. Everywhere you go now, there is a trace left behind by people, whether it's litter in the forest or water that is unsafe to swim in. You just can't seem to fully get away from the effect people have on our environment. I chose to use giant hands in all my pieces to show people's significance and impact on the world around them. I hope that when people see my body of work, they might recycle that water bottle they would have normally just thrown away and come away just a little greener.



# NORAH PALOMAKI EXHIBIT

Burning Down



Hang in There



# NORAH PALOMAKI EXHIBIT

Under Pressure



Trash





## Light Pollution



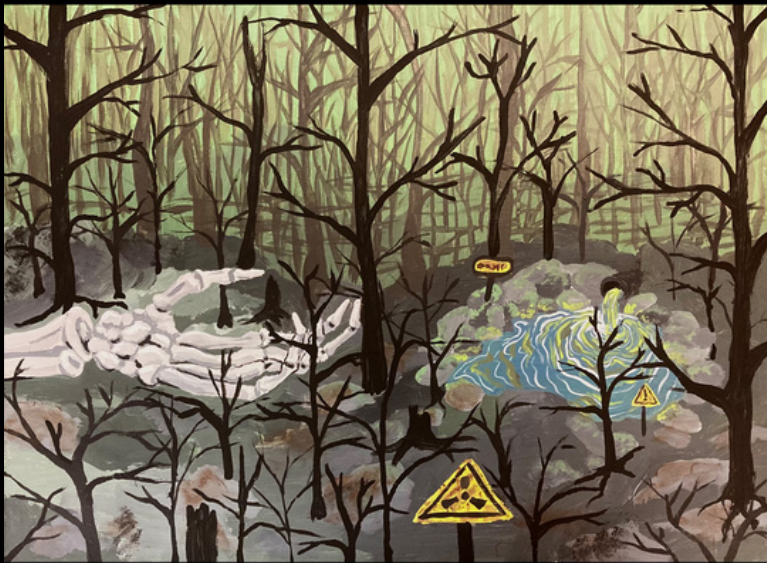
## Melting





# NORAH PALOMAKI EXHIBIT

Radiation



Oil Spill



Greed





Landfill



Endangered





Deforestation



Air Pollution



Dump





# LENNON VAN LUNENBURG EXHIBIT



My name is Lennon van Lunenburg, and I have been a fan of art ever since I was little. My father is also an artist and has given me the skills of observation, dedication, and a good eye for detail. I have traveled to places that have shown me many different types of art, which have sparked my interest in the making of my creations. I am inspired by the texture of Van Gogh, the emotion of Delacroix, and the social awareness of Banksy. My own personal artwork has been shown in the KIA, the hallways of my school, and on refrigerators across the Midwest. In the future, I am not sure where I am headed; however, I am certain that I want my art to be an integral part of all my steps forward.

# LENNON VAN LUNENBURG EXHIBIT

Work



What a Home Run



They Won





# LENNON VAN LUNENBURG EXHIBIT

Saturday in the Park



Job



In the City





# LENNON VAN LUNENBURG EXHIBIT

Daily Afternoon



Another Afternoon



Got a bag





# LENNON VAN LUNENBURG EXHIBIT

Got the Groceries



A Home



A Place

