

Local teens ARE thinking

To the Editor,

You may have seen the wonderful reviews in the newspapers but I would like to underline the reasons to attend the wonderful student art show. All too often when adults think about our teenage population, there is a negative sense of how they behave, or 'don't they think?' or 'they don't DO anything!?' The current art show at the Art Gallery of Bancroft, on Flint Street, provides a marvellous look at how diverse, creative, talented and 'yes, they are clearly thinking!'

The young people, from four high schools and home schooling, present a view of teen thought that many of us might never have dreamed exists. There is talent 'LOTS' of it! Creativity 'tons!' Skill 'YES!' These young artists have covered a gamut of art ideas 'reality, humour, the natural world and more. From pencil portraits of friends to painstakingly executed, detailed works which capture both eye and mind, they have run the gamut.

Anyone who wonders about 'today's youth' can find a positively fascinating expression of what today's youth are about, at the gallery. These are the children of our friends and neighbours. The 25th annual Student Show honours Michal Manson and we know she would be well pleased with the work of our young artists. This show closes on Saturday, Jan. 30; the gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a mini preview, the Art Gallery of Bancroft is on Facebook and has a website with pictures of this and other recent shows. Everyone is welcome to visit the gallery.

If it is your first visit, you may be surprised; not just a showing of art but the gift shop full of interesting possibilities 'by local artists and craftspeople: tiny dolls, jewelry, wooden bowls, greeting cards, small paintings, and large. In any case, support our local students and take a look at what they are accomplishing. They deserve your appreciation.

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