



The Humboldt Arts Council
in the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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Exhibition Headline: Monart Drawing School

Exhibition Dates: May 5 through July 1, 2007

Reception Date: First Saturday Night Arts Alive, May 5, 6 to 9 p.m.

Museum Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Monart Drawing School's Sixth Annual Art Show

The Monart Drawing School's Sixth Annual Art Show proudly presents an exhibition of inspirational art by young artists ranging in ages four to thirteen years old. A celebration of nature and imagination is reflected in the children's art work. Subject matter ranges from birds, insects, animals, sea life, the human figure and still life. A variety of media from markers, colored and graphite pencils, watercolors, and oil and chalk pastels is represented in the display of drawings. This year's art show includes works of art from after school classes held at the Morris Graves Museum of Art in Eureka and at Dow's Prairie Elementary School in McKinleyville.

Monart is a creative drawing method that emphasizes step-by-step guidance for drawing in a learning environment that is noncompetitive and nonjudgmental. The Monart Drawing Method teaches children how to draw in a realistic style as well as from their imagination. The method supports the idea that the ability to draw is not a God-given talent bestowed upon a few, but a teachable subject that everyone can learn and be successful. Just as we learn the ABCs so that we can read, and musical notes and scales so we can play an instrument, Monart students learn to perceive what they want to draw in terms of five basic elements of shape, and to develop the skills they need to translate that information onto paper. By learning to view the world through these five elements everyone, "drawers" and "non-drawers" can learn to become artists in their own right and develop their own unique style of realistic interpretation. At the Monart Drawing School, students discover they don't have to wait until they grow up to become an artist.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public noon-5p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.

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