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### **A Celebration of Local Creativity & Talent** *High School Students show their art at NVRH Gallery*

**St. Johnsbury, VT — January 23, 2025** — The Hanna and Charles Gray Gallery at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH) is proud to announce the opening of the *High School Art Show – a Celebration of Creativity & Talent* - a vibrant exhibition showcasing the artistic talents of students from St. Johnsbury Academy and Lyndon Institute. The show runs from **January 16 to March 10, 2025**, and features an inspiring collection of works illustrating the varied creativity nurtured within these esteemed local institutions.

#### ***Creative works from St. Johnsbury Academy***

The St. Johnsbury Academy Fine Arts Department offers an expansive curriculum designed to cultivate technical skills and foster creativity, preparing students for careers in the arts and other fields that value innovative thinking. Courses range from **Foundations of Drawing** and **Photography** to **Fashion Design** and **Oil Painting**, alongside advanced options such as **AP Art** and the **Visual Art Capstone**. Students benefit from professional instruction by practicing artists and performers, as well as state-of-the-art facilities in the Charles Hosmer Morse Center for The Arts.

#### ***Multi-media arts from Lyndon Institute***

Lyndon Institute's Fine Arts Program is equally dedicated to artistic excellence, offering courses such as **Graphic Design**, **Ceramics**, **Printmaking**, and **AP Art**. With access to the Norris Center for the Arts and cutting-edge technology, Lyndon Institute students gain hands-on experience and college-level preparation through programs like Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Graphic Design. Students regularly excel in local and national art competitions, demonstrating their skill and passion for the visual arts.

This year's *High School Art Show* presents an extraordinary celebration of creativity, showcasing a wide array of mediums and styles. Visitors can expect to see intricate drawings, colorful paintings, innovative digital designs, and stunning photography. The exhibit offers an opportunity to highlight the collaborative efforts of the school instructors who guide and inspire their students, including:

#### **St. Johnsbury Academy Visual Arts Faculty:**

- Florence Darling: Fashion Design
- Rodney Reis: AP Art
- Caroline Loder: Visual Arts
- Alex Shea: Digital Design
- Jackie Fox: Photography
- Michael Chatterley: Clay Program and Fine Arts Department Chair

## Lyndon Institute Visual Arts Faculty:

- Elly Barksdale: Ceramics, Design, AP Art, and National Art Honor Society Advisor
- Nathan Stahler: Intro to Studio
- Sydney Clapp: Ceramics 1
- Bridget Atkins: Graphic Design and Digital Photography

*The High School Art Show* is a testament to the thriving artistic youth community within Vermont and the dedication of educators in fostering creativity in their students. The public is invited to attend the exhibit and experience the remarkable work of these young artists. Admission is free, and the gallery is open to visitors during regular hours.

The exhibit will be on display at The Charles M. and Hanna H. Gray Gallery located on the hospital's main floor from January 16<sup>th</sup> through March 10, 2025. You may also view a short video of the exhibit on the Charles M. and Hanna H. Gray Gallery webpage at [nvrh.org](http://nvrh.org). For additional information, please contact the gallery Curator Jennifer Layn at [j.layn@nvrh.org](mailto:j.layn@nvrh.org) or 802-748-7313.

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*Caption: Student Emily Clark, Home Sweet Home, Stoneware. One example of creative works from local high school students and their instructors on display at the Charles M. and Hanna H. Gray Gallery at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital.*

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