

SHOWCASING STUDENTS' ART

SWOPE ART MUSEUM HOLDS 53RD ANNUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

The role of the arts in education has been a subject of discussion for years, and was no less the case in 1966, when Director Howard E. Wooden suggested that the Swope, in cooperation with the Vigo County School Corp., host a student exhibition to showcase the excellence of both the area's young artists and the area's art teachers.

It was Wooden's feeling that the perspectives of young talent revealed the health and cultural awareness of a community, as well as the

success created when teachers encourage self-expression along with technical disciplines.

The inaugural show opened on May 16, 1967, to an audience of 300, and today, Wooden's tradition of celebrating students and teachers alike continues.

The exhibition features student artwork from each school in the Vigo County School Corp., as well as several other area private schools.

Additionally, at the high school level, the

show is open to surrounding counties and home-schools and functions as a juried exhibition.

This year saw 74 works submitted from seven area high schools, and a selection of 37 works by this year's juror.

Works showed a breadth of creative expression and wide range of media, including graphite pencil, charcoal, ink, acrylic, oil, mixed media, cut paper relief, linocut print, digital photography, twine, lace, fabric, LED lights,

pipe cleaners, wire, papier-mâché, carved styrofoam, wood assemblage, felt, found objects and glazed ceramics using hand-building and wheel throwing techniques.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Swope Art Museum's annual Student Art Exhibition is shifting to an online platform. Visit the Swope website at swope.org and social media pages at facebook.com/SwopeArtMuseum and instagram.com/swopeartmuseum for this year's participants.



"Vivamus Moriendum Est," an acrylic paint work by Terre Haute North Vigo High School sophomore **Kalie Schoffstoll**, earned a juror's award at the Swope Art Museum's 53rd annual Student Art Exhibition.



Chris Berti, a professor of ceramics at Parkland College in Champaign, Ill., was the juror at the Swope Art Museum's 53rd annual Student Art Exhibition. Berti selected artwork that interpreted ideas creatively using the expressive qualities of a given medium while demonstrating design, technical skill and craftsmanship.



"Hunger A-Wire-Ness," wire sculpture on paper, was submitted by South Vigo High School senior **Crispin Ewen** to the Swope Art Museum's Student Art Exhibition. The artwork earned a juror's award.



"My Father, My Hero," clay with amaco glaze, was submitted by **Amara Duncan** for the Swope Art Museum's annual Student Art Exhibition. The Terre Haute North Vigo High School junior earned a juror's award.

Dusty Hauck, a Sullivan High School senior, earned a juror's award at the Swope Art Museum's annual Student Art Exhibition. Hauck's embroidery thread and fabric artwork is titled "Frida."



Zivar Koie's self-portrait in graphite on paper earned a juror's award at the 53rd annual Student Art Exhibition hosted by the Swope Art Museum. Koie is a senior at West Vigo High School High School.