

Exhibiting Stouffville Secondary students get tips from pros

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Art growing out of nature is being exhibited by Stouffville District Secondary School students at the Latcham Gallery beginning Dec. 5.

Called Human Nature, the show includes clay sculptures, environmental works with objects found in nature, paintings and collage-based drawings.

Grade 12 student Krista Raymer will lead performance art during the opening reception Dec. 6, where students create paintings on each other's arms, legs and faces.

CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS

The students took their inspiration from contemporary artists Andy Goldsworthy and Tina Newlove who led workshops at the school.

About 40 works created by 22 students are in the show.

Ms. Raymer was particularly taken with Ms. Newlove's workshop where students had 90 minutes to cover a canvas. It's something she hasn't had a chance to do before.

While the concept was very free-form, Ms. Newlove gave students a lot of good pointers, Ms. Raymer said.

The high school is one of very

few whose senior art students have a chance to show their works in a public gallery, art department head Onalea Creasor said.

LEARN TO PRODUCE SHOW

At the same time, students learn the process involved in putting on a show, from curating and hanging the works to handling publicity and the reception.

The reception is from 7 to 9 p.m.

Dec. 6 with the show continuing until Jan. 5. The gallery is closed from Dec. 25 to Jan. 1.

The gallery is at 6240 Main St. in Stouffville.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays to Saturdays.

For more information on the Stouffville student art show, call 905-640-8954 or go to latchamgallery.ca.

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