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### **Valley art students featured at annual Comox Art Show and Tour**

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**COMOX VALLEY, B.C.** – The creative work of several Mark Isfeld Secondary art students will be prominently featured at the annual Pearl Ellis Gallery Art Show from May 15 to June 2.

It will be a buffet of artistic talent to satiate all appetites. Isfeld students have been busy experimenting, collaborating and creating in various mediums throughout the school year including pen and ink, clay, acrylic, concrete, and mixed media.

"It is amazing to see the quality and diversity of the work students have produced," stated Lisa Chase one of Isfeld's art teachers. "Young people see the world differently compared to adults; They are very open to taking risks."

The focus on the art program at Mark Isfeld Secondary is on developing skills and encouraging students to work through the process of art.

Graduating student Michael Cheung will be displaying several of his pen and ink drawings. Collective art from graduating students Max Meszaros, Darren Hall, Lindsay Gammon, and Christine Ren will be on display.

Student photographers Diana Tran and Kalyssa Heinrich will be displaying and selling a selection of their photographs. The show will also feature soul totems produced by the Grade 11 art classes, and a special installation by Art 10 students dealing with the issue of homelessness.

The art show will feature everything from life size sculptures to abstract and realism, and everything in between. There is certainly to be a flavour to suit everyone's taste.

On Sunday 27 May, a reception will be hosted at the gallery on Comox Avenue from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for students, parents and the public to browse the art collection while enjoying coffee and cookies.

The student art show is on display during the Comox Valley Studio Tour, so make the Pearl Ellis Gallery a priority stop and check out some fantastic student art.

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