

## South Williamsport art and music students showcase their talents at art festival

South Williamsport Area High School celebrated its talented art and music students during an arts festival on Thursday, May 18.

The high school library was overflowing with beautiful pieces of art, toe-tapping tunes and fun video games created by students and alumni. Everyone at the festival was able to see and hear the hard work that the teenagers put into their unique art.

Teachers Betsy Jones, Patti Schick and Mike Steppe helped put the showcase together.

Jones said she was glad to see her students' work on display for the community. She was excited to watch the festival goers enjoy what her visual arts kids created.

"I love being able to work with such a talented group of people and see them flourish in this setting," she said.



**Pen and ink drawing by Rebecca Nash.**

Two of her students Rebecca Nash and Zac Bastian had their senior showcase during the festival. Both had a culmination of their work from ninth grade to now that included drawings, paintings and some 3D pieces.

Three prominent themes in Nash's work are her love of the human body, nature and Indian culture.

"I am fascinated by the similarities between nature and the human body," she said.

In a large green and orange ink drawing, she depicted those similarities through a person sitting amongst some plants. The veins and vines as well as the organs and flowers, are compared using the same colors.

With Bastian's work, one of his most standout pieces is of a samurai on horseback with a rainbow of colors flowing around him. That painting sticks out because most of his other pieces use neutral and Earth tones.



**Zac Bastian with the display of his art work.**

“I wanted to do something free flowing and liberating for the end of the year,” he said. “I enjoyed working with those beautiful colors.”

Besides visual art, quilting students displayed their comfy creations. Robyn Pasco, a senior, created a blue and white quilt that she is incredibly proud of.

“I’ve never made anything like this in my life so I am really proud of myself,” she said.

Outside on a small stage, members of the Songwriting Club belted their hearts out to their original songs. Alumni also came to perform with their bands such as Family Ties and Franchesko Marx Band.

Nick Klem, frontman of Franchesko Marx and 2010 alum, was thrilled when he was asked to perform. Drummer, Brett Schneider and bassist, Levi Stover are also alumni.

Klem said he enjoyed being a part of the festival. As an alum, he thought it was cool to see all of the talent coming out of his alma matter.

To add to the night, Leonard’s Backyard Bistro food truck was on sight for the festival goers to grab a bite.



**Franchesko Marx Band performing outside at the arts festival. Left to right: Nick Klem, Brett Schneider, Levi Stover and Clay Minier.**

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