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AOY Art Center Hosts Premiere of “Emerging Artists of Lower Bucks High Schools” Art Show

Lower Makefield – AOY Art Center is delighted to announce the premiere of the “Emerging Artists of Lower Bucks High Schools Art Show,” featuring the artwork of students from Council Rock North and South High Schools, Bristol Township (Truman HS), The George School, Neshaminy, and Pennsbury. This unprecedented exhibition marks the first time that Lower Bucks County High Schools have come together to showcase their artistic talents.

The Opening Reception and Awards Presentation kicks off on Friday, January 12, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at AOY Art Center located at 949 Mirror Lake Road in Lower Makefield. The Opening is free and open to the public, providing a unique opportunity for art enthusiasts to witness the diverse and creative works of emerging talents from the region.

For those unable to attend the Opening Reception, the public is invited to explore the art show on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This exhibition will only be available for a limited time, starting from Saturday, January 13, until Sunday, January 21. Additionally, the Gallery will be open on Friday, January 19, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Anne Gannon, Chair of the Emerging Artists Committee at AOY, emphasized the significance of community support for young artists, stating, "It is so important that the community, especially our AOY community of artists, continue to foster the young people in their pursuit of the arts."

AOY is pleased to offer cash and other awards to the students in recognition of outstanding achievement. The recipients of these awards will be determined by the Jurors, adding an element of prestige and recognition to the talents on display.

Join us for an inspiring evening at the AOY Art Center on January 12, celebrating the creativity and artistic expression of the next generation.

About the Jurors:

We are delighted to have **Jean Childs Buzgo** as the Juror for the 2D entries. Jean is well known in Bucks County as an award-winning, full-time oil painter. In 2008, Jean decided to pursue her dreams of being an oil painter. She is represented by the noted Silverman Gallery in Buckingham, PA.

There will be two Jurors for the 3-D section for the High School Art Show: Joan Cannon and Phyllis Hnatko.

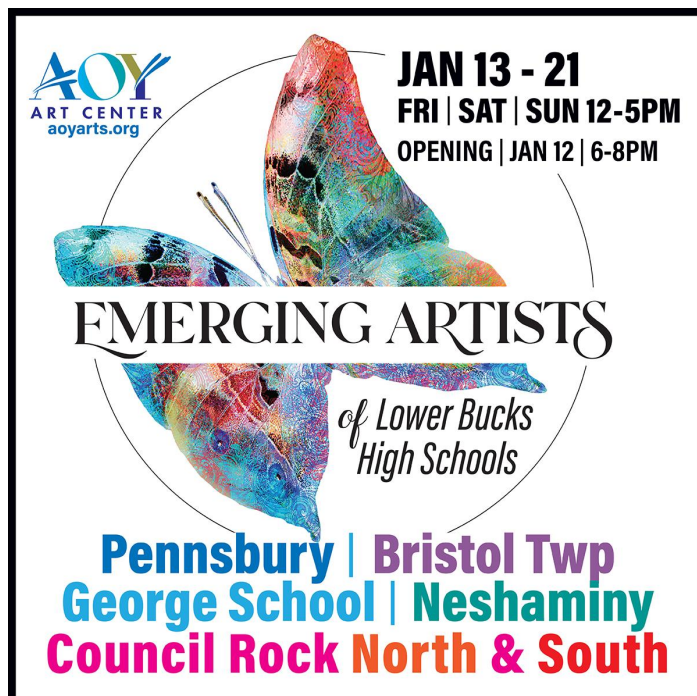
Joan Cannon has studied ceramics under Penelope Fleming (Fleming Pottery Studios) and Jennifer Miller (Earth Center Pottery) for the last seven years creating functional wheel-thrown pottery. She has attended multiple ceramics workshops over the last four years at Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill, Picosin School of Fine Craft, and Touchstone Center for Crafts. Producing work primarily in the electric kiln, she has made raku, and saggar pottery, and regularly fires her work in the wood kiln at Tyler Park Center for the Arts with Gloria Kosco. Currently, she is also studying oil painting with artist Renee Egan.

Phyllis Hnatko is a retired professional enjoying the arts. Since her retirement she has focused her training on hand built pottery under Jennifer Miller. She has also studied sculpture with Peter Cimino, known for his sculpture "Draco the Companion" located at Tyler Park Center for the Arts.

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The poster features a central graphic of a butterfly with wings made of colorful, textured pottery shards. The text is arranged around and below the butterfly. In the top left is the AOY Art Center logo. To the right of the butterfly, the dates and times are listed. Below the butterfly, the title 'EMERGING ARTISTS' is written in a large, serif font, with 'of Lower Bucks High Schools' in a smaller, italicized serif font underneath. At the bottom, the participating schools are listed in a bold, sans-serif font with each school name in a different color.

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