



Pelham Art Center

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## ***Pelham Memorial High School Student Exhibit***

**April 9 - 16, 2011**

Opening Reception: Saturday April 9, 2:00 – 4:00pm



Mia White "Thai Mask"



Emily Bennett "Table Scraps"

Pelham Art Center is excited to collaborate with Pelham Memorial High School in an exhibit showcasing work by students in Advanced Placement Studio Art and Advanced Art with Gail Orfei. In an effort to increase community outreach and involvement, the Art Center has partnered with Gail Orfei and the High School for a one week exhibit featuring two-dimensional work by 33 Junior and Senior students.

Advanced Placement Studio Art (AP Studio Art) is a course designed for Senior high school students who are interested in performing at college level. The students are required to create a portfolio of work that is submitted in April to the College Board to receive college credit. Advanced Art is a program for Juniors and Seniors who are preparing for AP Studio Art. In both classes the focus of their course work is to create a collection of diverse 2-D projects in a variety of mediums including graphite, colored pencils, pastels, watercolor, oil, acrylic, collage and mixed media. Subject matter ranges from observational still life and portraits to abstractions and imaginative themes.

As the teacher of these two courses, Gail Orfei's role is to expand and challenge the student's visual thinking while helping them find their "student voice" or personal style. She encourages the students to take risks and push their approaches to ideas and processes toward originality, while striving for a level of excellence in their work. Mrs. Orfei said she is "thrilled to have the opportunity for the students to exhibit at Pelham Art Center. The work always looks much better in a *real* gallery rather than on a bulletin board in the school building."

Pelham Art Centers hopes to turn this collaboration with Pelham Memorial High School into an annual event, showcasing the talents of Pelham's emerging youth. The Pelham Memorial High School Student Exhibit will be on view from April 9 – 16, 2011. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, April 9 from 2-4pm. This event will be free and open to the public.

Participating artists: Sarah A Albanese-Treland, Emily R Alletto, Emily M Bennett, Latanya Buckham, Brian W Buckley, Evelyn M Burgess, Clara Y Chang, Quincy Darbyshire, Sophia J Di Vitto, Jaclyn Diffley, Tessa Dikkers, Lily A DiPaola, Ann E Dwyer, Caroline M Eicher, Carli Finamore, Caroline Fink, Maria K Gardon, Alexandra P Hamlin, Margaret E Hoare, Elena D Joffroy, Clara Kim, Hollis Kran, Anya L LaRoche, Nicole S Mc Cain, Bushra Mian, Alyssa R Miceli, Joshua M Morgan, Nicolette R Nesi, Phoebe W Pinder, Ariel Saura, Marisa Sciortino, Michael A Tellone, Marion E White.

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Hours: Tuesday- Friday, 10-5pm Saturday, 10-4pm

Directions: Located 5 blocks from the Hutchinson Parkway exit 12 and 2 blocks from the Metro North Pelham stop

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