



Mary Belle Gilroy, Master

Lackawanna Trail Jr/Sr High School, PA.

Why I Chose Austin Fortney and Teagan Vokes

I chose Austin, a senior, and Teagan, a junior, to exhibit with me in the Master and Grasshopper Exhibit. They are currently in a second-year elective art class. They both seemed to quickly understand the pastel process and produced pieces that I believed were very successful. They both chose landscape scenes to create based upon vacation spots they visited. Because they each have a connection to the places depicted in their work, I think they were each able to capture the essence of the locations in their pastel landscapes.

Artist Statement

I work with pastel in my personal work and enjoy doing landscape. I use a process of underpainting with acrylic and overlaying pastel on top. I like the play of complementary colors and think it produces a more vibrant and interesting surface. I've found that students have success with this process, and it reinforces what I've taught them in the past about complementary colors.