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Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

**What: Midland Area Schools Art Show & 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Art Awards Exhibition**

**When: May 8 through May 30, 2010**

**Where: Galleries, AB Dow Museum, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640**

**Cost: \$8 adults; \$5 students; FREE for Museum members**

**Information:** Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or [www.mcfta.org](http://www.mcfta.org)

**Find this on the Web:** [http://www.mcfta.org/A\\_ABDown/index.html#MASAS](http://www.mcfta.org/A_ABDown/index.html#MASAS)

MIDLAND - The galleries at the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art will be bursting with color, creativity and imagination when the artwork of hundreds of students from local high schools is on display at the **Midland Area Schools Art Show**, May 8 through May 30. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and free for ABDM members. The students have used an impressive variety of media and techniques to express their creativity: drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, watercolor, oil, acrylic, collage, ink, pastels, and even bronze, Styrofoam™ and plaster. The result is artwork that showcases the high quality of art education in our local schools and provides insight into the psyche and perspective of today's youth. The works in this exhibit have been provided by the following local high schools: Bullock Creek, Meridian, Dow and Midland High.

In conjunction with this exhibit, the **4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Art Awards Exhibition** will be on display. High school students from across Michigan were invited to submit their original, two-dimensional artwork for consideration. Eligible categories included paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer-generated art and photography. Winners were selected from each congressional district, with winning "Best of Show" entries displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

While the Midland Area Schools Art Show is on display, the ABDM also features the **Great Lakes Pastel Society's 2010 National Show**, a national juried competition of contemporary American pastel artists, on display through August 1. For tickets or more information, call 800-523-7649 or visit [www.mcfta.org](http://www.mcfta.org).

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) celebrates discovery, creativity and individual expression through art, science and the interplay between them. Exhibitions in the Museum, classes at the Museum School, multiple outreach programs, a permanent collection and various special events are all components in the ABDM programming.

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