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Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

What: Midland Area Schools Art Show & 4th Congressional District Art Awards Exhibition

When: April 30 – May 28, 2011

Where: Galleries, 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

Find this on our website: <http://www.mcfta.org/ExhibitionsABDM.html#schools>

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**, April 30 through May 28. 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 **4th 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 Curious World of Patent Models**, featuring over 50 beautiful, one-of-a-kind artifacts on loan from the Rothschild Petersen Patent Model Museum, on display through June 19. For tickets and Museum hours, call 800-523-7649 or visit www.mcfta.org.

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) provides a forum to engage the people of mid-Michigan in the constructive and creative expressions found in science and in art. 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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