

## STUDENT SHOWCASE ABSTRACT EXAMPLES

### ART EXHIBIT

#### Exploration of Color in Nature

Long before Isaac Newton experimented with prisms to refract white light, people intuitively appreciated the remarkable phenomenon of color in nature. By instinct, people understand the natural essence of color, but Newton's work led the scientific understanding of the visible color spectrum. The experience of color alone, however, is one which cannot be explained scientifically. Color provides us with a sense of fascination, and I will explore this experience using the color wheel as my foundation. Utilizing traditional media such as oil pastels and colored pencils to display my observations of organic subjects, exhibiting natural color will remind us all to stay inspired and awed by the beauty.

#### Woman's Work: Incorporating Painting and Textiles

Traditionally, fine art such as oil painting has been a field dominated by men. In the same respect, fiber arts including crocheting, sewing, knitting, and lacemaking have been denoted to be a handicraft reserved for women. My goal is to bridge this gap between two art forms by incorporating them in the same pieces, allowing for both mediums to be respected and appreciated.

### PERFORMANCE

#### The Passion of Spain

*El baile flamenco* is one of the most widely recognized Spanish dances. Flamenco dance is characterized by hand clapping, percussive footwork, and intricate arm movements. It is a highly expressive dance form with passionate emotions and facial expressions. Female flamenco dancers often wear colorful, eye-catching skirts and use hand percussion, such as cassettes, to further emphasize their movements. Flamenco dance is made up of three parts: guitar playing (*guitarra*), song (*cante*), and dance (*baile*). The dancer and musician work together to tell a story through this moving, passion-filled piece of art while connecting with the audience on a deep emotional level.

#### Animal Training

This project is a demonstration of basic obedience training with a dog. Dogs are a common pet and the knowledge of training is very useful. The training demonstration will consist of the steps it takes to teach a dog how to sit, lie down, and finish. This form of training, called positive reinforcement, can be used with many kinds of animals, not just dogs. A poster will add to the project with facts and general information about animal training and positive reinforcement, as well as a simplified version of the steps being taught in the demonstration. This is knowledge that will help people live happier lives with a more obedient dog. This material was learned from the animal training and animal behavior classes in the Animal Management program.

## **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

### **Nobody Expects the Spanish Inquisition**

The Spanish Inquisition was a series of tribunal courts created by the Spanish monarchs in order to create a unified Spain under one faith. The targets were heretics. Heretics were people who had committed a spiritual crime in the form of sin and must be punished for it. Although the Inquisitions may have ended years ago, their tactics and methods are still used by most totalitarian dictatorships to this day.

### **Alternative Birthing Methods**

This project will describe various alternative birthing options. This will include the help of doulas, water birth, and birth at home and in birthing centers, identifying advantages and disadvantages of each method.

### **Silent Victims of Domestic Violence**

Domestic Violence is characterized by any criminal offense committed by a current or past partner of the victim. Surprisingly men and children make up sizeable percentages of victims and abusers. Bringing awareness to these nontraditional victims and abusers, and how to recognize the signs, provides understanding that domestic violence does not discriminate against race, gender, sexual orientation, age, and social class. It is important to know there are numerous resources out there and where to find them.

## **TABLE DISPLAYS**

### **Vivarium**

This is a live animal display. The main display features a custom-built vivarium displaying some "at risk" or nearly endangered species. Many concepts and teachings from the animal management program will be included. The highlights are on exhibit design, captive care, and conservation. The goal of this display is simply to captivate while spreading awareness.

### **Got Pain? There's a Pressure Point for That**

The number of cases of chronic pain is increasing, as well as the number of opioid prescriptions and overdoses. Therapeutic massage can relieve pain by stimulating nerves and quieting the body's pain receptors. Rather than relying on medication and increasing dosage, massage offers a variety of methods and varying pressures to meet your needs. Massage has had a positive effect on every human condition researched and is continuing to be researched for new methods to treat pain conditions.