

‘Used’ art for sale at Creative 360

What: *Second Hand Picasso* art sale

Where: Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center) at 1517 Bayliss in Midland.

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6

Admission: Free

For more information: Call (989) 837-1885 or visit www.becreative360.org

MIDLAND -- Nearly 200 paintings, prints, and photographs await new homes during a special event at Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center), 1517 Bayliss.

“It’s our first *Second Hand Picasso* fundraiser,” says Janet I. Martineau, board president and chair of the two-day event running from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

“Art collectors and artists in the Great Lakes Bay Region have donated original art pieces they no longer have room to display, and we’re reselling the works at prices ranging from \$3.60 to \$360. We can guarantee there are some great deals available for gifts or to keep as a treat for yourself.”

In addition to the paintings, prints and photographs, Martineau says other objects for sale include custom-made jewelry, ceramics, a wall sculpture, pen and ink drawings, a contemporary nativity set, a hand-made rag doll and a dinosaur clock.

Works created by award-winning mid-Michigan local artists include a sketch by Larry Butcher of Midland, stoneware by Sara Clark of Saginaw, a photo by Chris Thompson of Freeland, a watercolor by Mari Zimmerman-Thompson of Freeland, screenprints by Andrea Ondish of Bay City, a watercolor by Edythe Bell of Saginaw and basket sculptures by Corinne Nelson of Midland.

Other pieces were created by artists in Mexico, China, Zambia, Arizona and California.

“The styles run the gamut -- portraits of cats and flamingos, landscapes, abstracts,” says Martineau. “And the jewelry includes an angel pin, a cat pin, earrings, a clay-and-leather necklace and a macramé necklace.

“We billed this as offering ‘all sorts of original art for sale, slightly used and utterly awesome,’ and the donations more than met that test.”

From noon to 4 both days, Creative 360 also will offer a take-home craft for children, priced at \$3.60.

Admission and parking to *Second Hand Picasso* are free. Visit the web site www.becreative360.org to see pictures of some of the art pieces for sale. Click on the orange Second Hand Picasso icon on the left side of the home page.

About Creative 360

Creative 360, formerly known as Creative Spirit Center, is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness organization founded in 1994. The Center’s mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, art exhibits, events, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, mental and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities. Visit www.becreative360.org for more information about the schedule of activities at Creative 360, or call (989) 837-1885 to request a mailed copy.

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