

Nature Through a Child's Eye

The Environmental Education Center's Children's Art Show: Nature Through a Child's Eye has been featuring artwork from Somerset County students for twenty-nine years. This year, we are proud to continue this inspiring event in a virtual format.

Hillsborough Elementary

Laurel Suk
Art Teacher

Students created oil pastels and studied the concept of resist. They made radial designs inspired by nature.





Radial Design From Nature

by Caitlin R.

Nature Inspired Spiral or Radial Design: balance is any type of balance based on a circle with its design extending from the center. A star, the iris around each pupil of your eyes, a wheel with spokes, and a daisy (among many flowers and other plant forms) are examples of radial. Students looked at the artwork by Andy Goldsworthy and discussed what his art looks like and how it was made. They were then given the instructions.



Leaf Man

by Reese S.

Leaf Man: was inspired by the book Leaf Man, by Lois Ehlert. After having the book read to them, students created their own leaf-inspired people using leaves and other objects from nature. *Kindergarten artists of Hillsborough Elementary School*



Tree With Resist

by Maria M.

Trees: Students were introduced to the vocabulary of labeling the different parts of a tree: trunk, branches, roots, leaves, and fruit. Then they drew a tree from the ground up, being sure to create thinner and thinner branches. We discussed that the branches look like Y's. Students then colored their tree using crayons or oil pastel. During the following next art class, we discussed the science of concept resist. Knowing this concept, we applied it to the background of the tree drawings and used watercolor paints to paint the sky and background. The great thing about this is that you could paint over the tree and the paint would be repelled by the wax or oil in the coloring material. *Created by Hillsborough Elementary School kindergarten artists.*

Birds by Tristan

Bird Drawing for a sculpture project.

First grades students followed along on a draw-along on how to draw birds. Did you know that to draw a bird, no matter what type of bird it is, the drawing starts with an egg shape? Well, it does. Students then looked at pictures of various birds and drew a picture of them and tried to draw them as realistic as possible.





Radial Design From Nature by Lauren R.

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Leaf Man

by Joseph H.

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Radial Design From Nature by Alisha A.

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Tree With Resist by Vahin S.

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Radial Designs With Nature

by Ishi T.

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Radial Design From Nature by Kajo D.

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Radial Design Out of Nature by Parker C.

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Radial Design From Nature by Neel N.

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Tree With Resist
by Ved P.

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Radial Design From Nature

by Rocco G.

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