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### **SUMMER ART ACADEMY ARTWORK ON DISPLAY**

**CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO--** Friday, August 3, from 5 to 9 p.m., the Southeast Missouri Arts Council will be hosting a reception for the students of Southeast Missouri State University's 2012 Summer Art Academy. The show will be on display until August 25, and features exhibits in both Arts Council gallery spaces.

This year the Summer Art Academy featured an extensive list of workshop offerings from 12 local elementary and high school art teachers, and professors from the University. Classes included: Children's Ceramics, Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture, and the very popular Recycled Art!, which was new for the 2012 Academy. Adult classes were also offered during the Academy, and pieces from these classes will be displayed during the exhibit as well.

In addition to the course offerings at the Southeast Missouri State University campus, coordinators of the Summer Art Academy also co-sponsored painting workshops with Silent Night, a non profit organization specializing in care and programming for Senior Citizens. Residents of two local nursing homes, Chateau Girardeau and Fountainbleau, participated in the workshops, and their work will be displayed during a month-long exhibit on the "Community Wall" at the Arts Council.

During the First Friday reception, beverages and other refreshments will be available for guests, courtesy of Major Brands.

Come join other arts patrons and supporters in welcoming the participants of the 2012 Summer Art Academy. The Visual Arts Cooperative will also debut new works in their gallery space at the Arts Council. The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 32 North Main Street in Cape Girardeau, MO. Galleries are open Tuesday-Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.