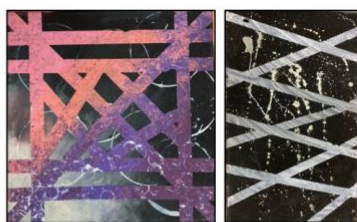


The Paradise Center Presents

Hope Ryder

Trout Creek School

Spotlight on the Arts – March 2025



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"Spotlight on the Arts" by The Paradise Center honors and encourages students in the arts by highlighting their talent and acknowledging the support they receive through their schools and teachers.

Most young artists have a subject that they prefer to depict – animals, people, plants.

As artists mature, we often develop an appreciation for abstract art, not needing the representation of anything other than color, composition, balance, texture, and form.



For Hope Ryder, appreciation of abstract art came at an early age. She certainly can and does create art for representational purposes, but abstract work is her favorite theme.

At 13 years of age and in the 7th grade, with Ms. Carla Doss as her teacher, Ryder demonstrates a mastery for abstract art using acrylic paint. When asked how long she has been involved in art, she smiles and answers, "Forever."

Although not identifying a particular situation that inspired her to be creative, she notes that "doodling" has been and still is a favorite pastime. Her style can be seen in one of the photographic inserts for this article. In this particular doodling example, she has included her own personal signature logo, Sadie, on the index card at the bottom left of her photograph. The doodling is associated with the collage directly above it, titled

"Think." As we discussed "Think," Ryder shared that this was a class assignment, but her creation was the only one with three eyes and hair! Notable, although the collage is representational of a girl, the detailing on the face is a series of abstract designs.

The Trout Creek School created a publication with artwork , poems, etc. A piece of Ryder's artwork was chosen by fellow students for the cover. The artwork was a series of cute animals done with markers. Ryder suggests that fellow students try art because the options are vast, and the process is fun.

Ryder will continue her art in the future, but her long-term goal is to become a pediatric surgeon, specializing in kidney issues. Her future seems to be both bright and altruistic.