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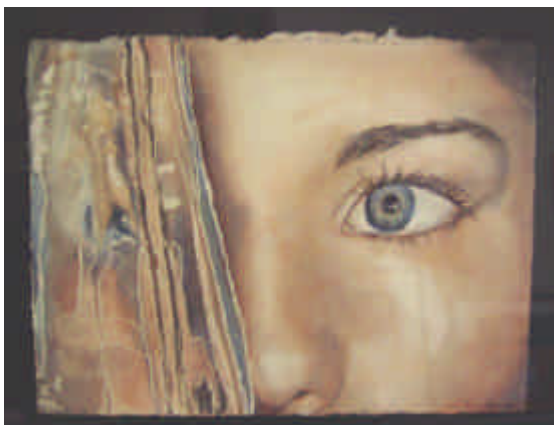
**Visual Art Student Awards Exhibition
Opens at West Valley Art Museum
April 17 through May 10**

For eighteen years West Valley Art Museum has sponsored an exhibition for Arizona Jr. High and High School students. This year's exhibit shows itself to be yet another outstanding representation of the state's art students. Across the Valley and beyond art teachers have been selecting two outstanding works to represent their Jr. High and High School classes. The exhibit is open to the public Friday, April 17 and runs through May 10 when there will be a special reception and awards presentation for friends and families of the participating art students.

The exhibition is presented by WVAM and the Arizona Art Education Association. The show becomes especially important to students this year since the Art Institute of Phoenix is offering a four-year scholarship and two summer program scholarships to the Institute for the Senior Design Portfolio competition. Awards are also being given by the Museum's Docents, Mrs. Charles Kaye, and Joan Koemptgen. Those award recipients and donors will be announced in three weeks after the judges view the show. The Arizona Watercolor Association will be assisting again this year in the judging.

Co-chairs for the exhibition handling all the entries, representing the schools and liaison to the Museum are art teachers Jon White and Richard Rheinman.

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“A Different Perspective” watercolor by
Eliza Bushman, Ironwood HS, grade 12



“A Turtle’s World” pencil drawing by
Kendra Andrews, Apollo HS, grade 11



“Self Portrait” scratchboard by
Miranda Todd, Peoria HS, grade 12

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