

March 7, 2014



Perpich student publishes book for teens who have a parent with cancer

Katie Jecha, a senior in visual arts, has published a book, "Reflections . . . Teen Thoughts on Having a Parent with Cancer." It is currently on display in the first-floor atrium and made its debut at the 2014 Angel Foundation Gala. The Angel Foundation is an organization providing support groups and camps for children and teens who have a parent with cancer. To create the book, Katie collected comments from teens in the program as well as other quotations she felt were appropriate and then used using cut paper technique to illustrate the quotes.

Katie became involved in the Angel Foundation because her father, Steve, has been treated for cancer. She is also a Girl Scout and the book served as part of her Gold Award project (the Girl Scout equivalent of Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout achievement). To fund the book's creation and printing, Katie ran a [Kickstarter campaign](#) that raised over \$3,400, allowing her to donate 200 copies of the book to teens involved in the Angel Foundation's programs.

She also was "artist in residence" for four weekly classes teaching teens at the Angel Foundation the techniques of cut paper art, that will culminate in a large group project for display at Angel Foundation headquarters.



Todd Goetz, accounting officer for Perpich, retires from the U.S. Naval Reserve

Members of the Perpich leadership were on hand to wish Todd Goetz well at his retirement ceremony from the U.S. Naval Reserve in February. Todd joined the U.S. Army Reserve in 1989 and then joined the Naval Reserve program in 1999. He retired as a chief yeoman (Information Dominance Warfare). In addition to his service in Minnesota, Todd also served a year deployed in Afghanistan. Congratulations, Todd, and thank you for your years of dedicated service, to your country and to Perpich!



Visual arts instructor wins award

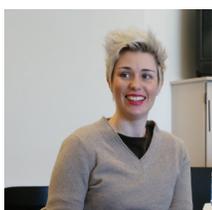
Pat Benincasa, visual arts instructor, has received a Special Merit Award in the CityScapes Art Exhibition, Light, Time & Space On Line Gallery for her painting, "Youngstown." The work is two panels measuring 10-feet by five-feet-six-inches and created from wood, rust, encaustic, oil paint and z-scale railroad tracks on sheet metal. The gallery received 547 entries from 19 countries and 33 states. Congrats, Pat!

Alumni news**Alumna Lily Stone involved in projects at St. Catherine University in St. Paul**

Alumna Lily Stone ('12, visual) is working on the design team for "The Ariston," a magazine of students' art work published by Saint Catherine University every year. Her work also will be featured at a [senior gallery show](#) April 12-May 25 at 2004 Randolph Ave. in St. Paul. In addition she is working as a film producer for the Hilton Sisters Project, which is a campaign to broaden the awareness of women religious on a national level. The film's target audience is women, 18-22 years old. The campaign will launch in conjunction with Women's History Month this month as part of a week honoring sisters who have made and are making an outstanding contribution to human development. Lily also is a jewelry designer and artist.

**French trip takes off March 13**

Ten Perpich French students leave for France on March 13, returning March 29. While there they will do home stays with families in and around Aix-en-Provence and Salon de Provence. Their last five days will be spent in Paris. The juniors going are Sophia Deutsch, Wren Jones, Eleanor Quiring and Astraea Smart; seniors are Morgan Bartlow-Sibley, Evalin Becker, Paris Mickelson, Victoria Petelin, Jonah Schuetz-Reid and Katelyn Varvel. Have a great trip!

**Perpich grad speaks to Perpich's art history class**

Lauren DeLand ('00 visual,) spoke to the art history class in February about her experiences as an art history graduate student at the University of Minnesota. Lauren also was the speaker for Dedication Day in 2005. She is defending her dissertation March 14 and will be the first art history Ph.D. from Perpich.

Music junior wins honors in Minnesota Varsity

Riona Ryan, a junior in music from North Mankato, is one of five Minnesota students chosen for the Minnesota Varsity's Featured Round for composers based on her composition, "Sleepcycling." Minnesota Varsity is a showcase sponsored by Minnesota Public Radio for top high-school musical talent in Minnesota and its environs. As part of the Featured Round, Riona spent a day in February with mentors from the American Composers Forum. Riona also had a composition entitled "Jackal Dance" selected to be performed by the St. Paul quartet, Zeitgeist, as part of its Eric Stokes Song Contest, developed to encourage and celebrate amateur music-making. Way to go, Riona!

**Perpich continues its tradition with the Empty Bowls project**

Visual arts instructor Sandy Woodhull organized the annual Perpich tradition of creating clay bowls to be sold to benefit local food shelves. More than 100 bowls were made over two days in February for the Robbinsdale school district's Empty Bowl project.



Spanish and modern world history classes merge for field trip

Students from Elaine Drivas' Spanish classes and João Bichinho's modern world history class took a field trip to the Regla De Oro Gallery in Minneapolis at the end of February to see "I Will Die the Way I Lived" an exhibit of 15 paintings by Antonio Guerrero,. Guerrero is one of the Cuban Five, Cubans who were monitoring what they considered to be terrorist activities of anti-Cuban exiles in Miami. They were arrested by the FBI in 1998, tried in what a federal appeals panel called "a perfect storm" of prejudice, convicted and given sentences ranging from 15 years to two life terms.

Artsience student makes presentation to Arduino Group

Naomi Green, junior in artsience, made a presentation about her project to the Arduino Group Thursday evening. Arduino Group is an organization of hardware and maker enthusiasts with a focus on Arduino, an open-source electronics prototyping platform based on flexible, easy-to-use hardware and software. Naomi and her artsience group are using Arduino in their project that involves using solar power to operate a plant-related exhibit.



Media arts students exhibiting in Twin Cities locations

Perpich media arts students Jae Shin Cross, Max Hart, Nicholas Johnson and Emma Smith-Coppes were selected to exhibit their photography in the Youth Art Month Student Exhibition at the Hopkins Center for the Arts (HCA) during March. This national observance is sponsored in Minnesota by the Arts Educators of Minnesota. HCA is located at 1111 Main St., Hopkins, and its hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturdays; and noon-5 p.m., Sundays. The show runs through March 30.

Media arts students also have an exhibit that opened at Claddagh Coffee, 459 7th St. W., St. Paul, on Thursday evening. The photos will be exhibited through this month.



Media arts students receive recognitions

Jazmyne LeBeau, a senior in media arts, has been selected as a Notable Artist for the [2014 Resolution Photography Contest](#). Part of the award is a designated gallery of her work on the Resolution Studio website.

Victoria Petelin, also a senior, has been nominated for a 2014 High School Student Award by the Upper Midwest chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences as part of its annual Upper Midwest Regional Student Production Awards. Her nominated video in the short form: fiction category is "The Judy Greenwood Show!" Congratulations to Jazmyne and Victoria!

Library has many new materials

The Perpich Arts Library has added several new materials over the past few months, especially new visual arts books, so be sure to check its [Pinterest site](#). Use this link for a list of the newest "pins," which combines all of the new materials together.



Artsience student competed in China

Matt Moen, senior in artsience, was part of a Destination Imagination team to travel to China for the first-ever Asia-Pacific International Tournament in Beijing in December 2013. They placed second out of 39 teams. You can read about his trip at abcnewspapers.com. Congratulations, Matt!



Oil painting class tackles negative space

Students in the oil painting class created works to experiment with positive and negative space in composition. Positive space consists of objects or people in a painting. The space in between objects is “negative” space. They had to select a subject that was a person, place, animal or thing and then focus on the negative space between objects or activated by objects.

Summer opportunity for Perpich writers

Hamline University is offering a Hamline Young Writers Workshop for students between the ages of 15 and 18 the week of June 16-20. The cost is \$400, which includes lunch each day and a field trip. Students will receive instruction from published authors in poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction or can focus on writing their college essays. A field trip of the “Literary Twin Cities” will be part of the class, as well as a panel discussion with published authors and exploration of literary studies and career paths.



Save the date for spaghetti

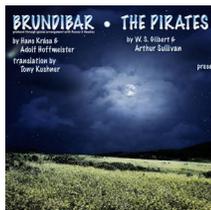
The Perpich Foundation is hosting “An Afternoon in Italy” spaghetti dinner and art fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at the school. For details about sponsorships and tickets, please go to www.perpich.org.

Don’t forget!

Today, March 7, is the deadline for signing up for the next ACT April 12. To register, you must go online to www.actstudent.org/start. The Perpich school code is 240-943. Students who qualify for free and reduced-fee lunch should see guidance counselor Lisa Quiring for a waiver that allows them to take the test for free.

Library sponsors scavenger hunt in honor of visiting novelist

On Monday, March 10, Perpich will welcome Susan Runholt, author of the clever, art-themed young adult novel “[The Mystery of the Third Lucretia](#)” and its two sequels. Runholt will be visiting Craig Farmer’s museum studies class in the morning and the literary arts classes in the afternoon. All are welcome to join librarians Anne Dennison and Leah Larson in the library during Our Time at 10:25 a.m. for an artsy young-adult fiction-themed Scavenger Hunt. Bring your smart phones if you have them. Prizes will be awarded!



March and early April performances will keep Perpich buzzing

The theater and music programs will present two musicals, “Brundibár” and “The Pirates of Penzance,” March 12-15 in the Black Box Theater. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for K-12 students and those over 62. “The Pirates of Penzance” is the much-beloved operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan, while “Brundibár,” written by Hans Krása and Adolf Hoffmeister and translated by Tony Kushner, is a children’s tale about a brother and sister trying to raise money by singing to help their sick mother.

The senior media arts video screening will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall on Thursday, March 13. Admission is free.

Music concerts will be in the Performance Hall Wednesday and Thursday, March 19-20. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for K-12 students and over 62.

On March 31, the student-organized exhibit, “Eclectic Nouveau,” will open in the Laboratory Gallery.

The senior visual arts retrospective exhibit will open April 3 in the Visual Arts Gallery.

Perpich dance, music and theater students will participate in [St. Catherine University’s Women of Substance series](#) at O’Shaughnessy Auditorium in St. Paul on April 3-4. The performance, “The Student,” will feature music composed by Perpich music instructor Janika Vandervelde and choreography by Vanessa Voskuil, Minnesota dancer and choreographer.

Calendar

Dates	
Mar 7	ACT Registration Deadline
Mar 8	SAT Test
Mar 8	Admission Review
Mar 12–15	Musical Theater Performance 7:30 pm
Mar 13	Senior Media Screening 6:30 pm
Mar 15	Admission Review
Mar 19–20	Music Concert
Mar 21	Conferences 1/2 Day of School

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