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Young Artists Ages Seven to 14 Years Display Pieces at GWU Art Show

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – When Melissa Potter-Shiftlet graduated from Gardner-Webb University in 2011 with a degree in art, she was already showing signs of working with children. The subject matter of the pieces in her senior show depicted her heart for and love of children of all ages. Now, the work of the students in her local art program will be on display beginning June 27 in the Tucker Student Center Art Gallery.

Potter-Shiftlet offers art classes through a program at Forest City Four Square Church (Forest City, N.C.) and she teaches kids ranging in age from seven to 14 years. Her message to students is to simply explore the things that interest them.

“I let them choose what they want to do within whatever medium we are currently exploring,” she explained. “Whatever they are interested in is where we start. I try to teach them how to produce the art to the best of their ability, while also offering them principles in composition and design.”

The work of the students will be displayed at Tucker Art Gallery from June 27 through July 26. An opening reception is planned from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Approximately 60 pieces of art are included in the exhibit.

For additional information, contact the Gardner-Webb art office at (704) 406-4656 or email jhumphri@gardner-webb.edu. To hear the WGWG interview featuring Melissa Potter-Shiftlet, [click here](#).

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