

Taos Students Exhibit Animal and Human Anatomy Art



“Animal Drawing, Study of a Gorilla”
Graphite drawing by Taos High School senior Melinda Young

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Throughout history, artists have devoted vast amounts of time to the study of human and animal anatomy.

“Drawing inspiration from nature, both the human figure and the animal form is one of the most enduring themes in the history of fine art,” a press release states.

Artistic Taos youth who have been learning about interpreting anatomy are the subject of an exhibition that opens with a reception Wednesday (March 21) from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Millicent Rogers Museum, 1504 Millicent Rogers Road in El Prado.

The exhibit is a collaborative effort between the Taos Arts Club/Teen Art Studio, UNM-Taos, Taos High School and Gear-Up New Mexico. “It is the mission of the Taos Arts Club, Teen Art Studio to use art as a vehicle for positive change in today’s youth,” according to the event’s press release.

The drawings in this exhibition are representations of each student’s “unique inquiry into the universal truths of gesture drawing, artistic anatomy and idealized proportion,” the release continues.

The Taos Arts Club and Teen Arts Studio combines both art instruction and life skills education. “Activities help the youth in our community come into a greater awareness of their intellectual being through self-expression and creative reasoning,” the release states. “The Artistic Human and Comparative Animal program strives to fill a void in youth art education where there is a lack of access to quality arts instruction and art studio opportunities.”

The opening is free to the general public. The exhibit continues through April 22. For more information, call the museum at (575) 758-2462. Visit www.millicentrogers.org.