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**CALVART GALLERY HOSTS SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY
STUDENT ARTISTS**

Along with the recent renovations to CalvART Gallery, the Student Art Gallery area has been doubled in size and the Arts Council of Calvert County is pleased to host the first and fourth grade students of Sunderland Elementary as February's featured student artists and school.

It's amazing what a seemingly simple donation of paper from a parent can spark when given to an art teacher! As soon as Sunderland Elementary art teacher Maria Lendacky saw the shiny, metallic-like paper she and her first grade students knew it looked like ice. In a three step process Ms. Lendacky instructed her students to create a winter scene with watercolors teaching them how to draw a bare tree with just a few letter Ys, then cut out the silver shiny "ice" paper into a frozen pond and glue that on. Lastly, a few parents visited the class and served as models dressed in winter attire and the children sketched them and cut them out, adding them to their winter wonderland scene. Some students even figured out that if you take the edge of your scissors and scratch it on the shiny paper it looks like a skater has just finished a figure eight!

The fourth graders embarked on a very different and colorful project. Known for works that flatten space, Frank Stella is also recognized for shaped canvases in high relief. Using Stella's aluminum relief sculptures as inspiration, fourth grade students created high relief paper sculptures. First the students covered a flat paper with curvy, abstract shapes. Next, each shape was designed with analogous color groups or pairs. And finally, each student cut and shaped their paper into a high relief masterpiece.

The first and fourth grade students' works are on display through Friday, March 5th in the CalvART Gallery, as part of the Arts Council of Calvert County's *Young Artists Program* in the Student Art Gallery. To see the works of Sunderland Elementary visit the CalvART Gallery located in the Prince Frederick Shopping Center, Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A special artists' reception will be hosted on Thursday, February 18th from 4:30 – 6pm in the Gallery.

The Young Artists Program was created in support of the Arts Council's mission to invest in and encourage the arts in Calvert County. In giving every school-aged child the opportunity to display their work in a professional setting the Arts Council hopes to sow a seed of interest in future members of Calvert County's artistic community. The Arts Council also provides grants to schools for arts-related programs; hosts the Summer Arts Camp; and sponsors the CalvART Gallery, a co-op gallery featuring Southern Maryland artists. For more information, visit www.calvertarts.org or call 410.257.7005.

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