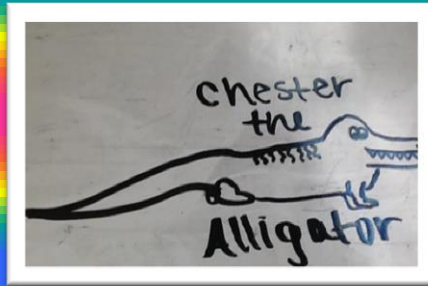




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Dear Readers,

Art is a way to express yourself. For me, I love working with colors and color combinations and seeing what types of things I can create with materials I happen to have on hand. I created Amazing Radical Topics because I love to draw and wanted to share my enthusiasm with others. I also wanted to educate readers about art from past to present. By connecting with the creative contributors to this magazine, I learned that art can touch lives in many different ways.

I really enjoyed working with my peers and learning how art affects their lives. It was interesting to see all the different aspects of the magazine come together in the final project.

Putting Amazing Radical Topics together presented many challenges. It was hard having to rely on others to finish things on time so that I could meet my own deadlines, especially if someone said no at the last minute. Learning the different types of formatting for each part of the magazine was also difficult sometimes.

There were also many enjoyable moments in creating this publication. I was able to unleash my own creativity when doing ads and giving others ideas on what types of stories to write. I also had a fun time working with my peers and learning what art means to them.

While I like to think the whole magazine is a great read from start to finish, my personal favorite is Short Stories, because they were short and fun to read.

So, dear Readers, I hope you enjoy this latest issue of Amazing Radical Topics. I hope you learn to see the world with new eyes and discover art everywhere you look.

Sincerely,

Ceilidh Gijzen  
Editor, Amazing Radical Topics

ART IS a very FUN SUBJECT. I DO LOTS OF DRAWINGS I SHOW AT THE FAIR. I CAN DRAW HORSES AND GIRAFFES DOGS AND ALL THE STUFF THAT YOU LIKE TO DRAW. I THINK YOU CHOSE THE RIGHT SUBJECT I AM A VERY GOOD DRAWER SO YEAH. IT CAN BE AN ACTIVE TIME FOR YOU OR YOU CAN HAVE A QUIET AND RELAXING. EVEN THOUGH YOUR HAND MIGHT GET SORE FAST.

-sierra

Hello Ms. Editor. My name is Hannah. I absolutely **love** your magazine. I love that you have art and just art. Even your ads are about art. That is a dedication to art. Even though you have an **amazing** magazine, I have a suggestion. I think since you have people that are super into art that read your magazine, you should have crafts for them to do. The crafts that you put in your magazine could be around the seasons too. So I hope you take my idea into suggestion and include some crafts in your next edition.

-Hannah

# *Amazing Radical Topics*

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# Pinterest

Are you a craft enthusiast like I am? Well if you're anything like me, crafting is a necessity for your daily pleasures. If you're looking for some new sites to find great crafting ideas I have one for you! Should I say addicted? Oh yes I am! If you haven't visited [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com) you are missing out! Pinterest is a no cost site for your pinning interests. On Pinterest you make an account with different boards. Boards on Pinterest keep your pins safe, so you can name your boards, like let's say it's about crafting, you could name it "A Crafters Paradise" like mine is. Then your pins are safe for a lifetime. Boards are limitless so you can have as many as you want. On my account I have many crafting ideas, and their so easy to find. You can either type crafting, or they have subtitles which make it easier so instead you can click on the one that says DIY and Crafts. Now if you're trying to be more particular than instead just type in for example, watercolor painting. Then after you either type it in or click on DIY and Crafts pins will pop up. I'm talking not hundreds, or thousands, MILLIONS of pins will pop up unless your topic is quite slim. Then you get to scroll through and find TONS of fantastic ideas. Let alone I haven't even told you that they have tons of other pins to look through weddings, sports, fashions, kids (etc.) but this is a crafting magazine so I will tell you about these wonderful crafts. So if you're scrolling through and find a pin or many you like you can do something called repin it. You click repin and you can choose what board to put it in according to the pin.

Then WALLA, your pins are all safe in its little "board" home. Also for another idea if you're in LOVE with the pin then you can also like it and it will show up in the main screen. If you're anything like me you are obsessed. People must think I'm a blogger because I have 10,200 or more pins with 500+ followers! I'm pretty famous. But at the end of the day I am telling you about Pinterest because I have found my most favorite crafts. They have so many pins to make crafting easy for ones who try hard but struggle. I recommend Pinterest to anyone who has struggled in the past with crafting ideas that aren't explained well, but let me tell you, Pinterest makes it easy for anyone to succeed with their crafting needs.

-Payton Brennan



## Life of An Art Person

By: Rosalie Starkweather

Last week I ran into a professional art person. Her name is Milly Johnson. I just had to stop and talk to her. After I introduced myself and we got ourselves comfortable at a nice coffee shop we started talking. I asked how did she first start art.

She told us that when she was little, she wasn't able to express her feelings because she didn't have the greatest speech. So she started in a talking in a different way. As she was getting help with her speech she improved her art skills as well. Her favorites at the time were painting.

I asked her why her favorite was painting. She replied to me that it was that she felt like each stroke was one word. Some strokes were soft or hard. It had represented how she was feeling.

I have never thought about it that way. I thought that response was just amazing. I asked her how her speech was. She was able to talk a lot more by the age of ten. Then by the time she was 14 she was able to speak normal.

"Did you ever run into things in art that felt like you couldn't overcome it felt like?"

"I have many of times. I think my hardest time in my art life when I was younger was when my best friend turned my back on me because, she thought I was purposely trying to be better than her. We had been friends for 3 years. We both had a passion for art and expressing who we are. When I had gotten a better grade on something she thought I didn't deserve it. I know it may not sound like the biggest problem in the world, but she was my only friend."

I wondered about high school. She told me that she was in an arts program for advanced people. She loved how they had it so big

advanced. It felt like a challenge. One of her favorite art pieces she made was a sculpture. It was made out of just little trinket toys.

Wow I thought. I was very interested in what she was talking about. So I questioned, "Did you continue on with your dream of art?"

"I went to an art college in Tennessee. There I had also meet my husband. He was going into the field of art teaching. I was in art college for 3 years. After I graduated I married Emmett Johnson. After everything in our life was settled I decided I wanted to open a store. Just at that time the building next door to us was for sale. I then knew it was right. After I talked to Emmett about that, he agreed with me."

"How perfect timing!" I exclaimed.

"I agree. After we bought the building we painted the store and made it just like home for every art person. I put out a ton of art pieces ranging from drawings to painting to 3D art and sculptures. I was so happy for myself. By the time I was 26 I had my first kid. We had a little girl named Bailey. We loved her so much.

About 2 years later we had wanted another kid. But then we got boy twins. We were not expecting that! None of my kids had any talking disabilities! So we were very blessed."

I wondered how old her kids are now. She told me her daughter is 16 and her sons are 14. I asked her if I could go look at her art store. She said yes. We drove over to her store and I was amazed. I could walk around for hours. I loved each and everyone of her pieces. The great thing too is that they were all original and you paid an amazing price.

She told me that she never wanted to have to 'copy' any art, because then she felt like it wasn't special any more. I walked to a small section for all of the art that her kids had made to sell. I thought it was just adorable. I bought a piece of art from each of the kids. The whole family is just so artistic. I wound up going home with many art pieces. I loved how her story was and it was so

beautiful. I hope everyone comes and checks out all of the art pieces. I am very glad that I had made a new friend today and I learned a lot!





## The Universal Appeal of Art

By: Lise Gijzen

One of the reasons art is so fascinating is that it can appeal to everyone, regardless of your background, interests, or knowledge. You do not need to know much about art in order to enjoy it.

Materials used in the creation of art are as varied as your imagination: plain river rocks or gemstones, textiles (fabrics, yarn, etc.), metals, paints, pencils, even cells from your body!

Art can be made in any type of medium: film, paintings, clothing, jewelry, sculpture, photographs, pottery, poetry, song, and dance – the list is never-ending. From the simplest macaroni project in kindergarten to an electron micrograph of red blood cells, art can be found wherever you look.

Art is adaptable as humans and events change throughout history. Cavemen had crude paintings; different cultures have their own dances and decorate their bodies with paints, jewelry, and costumes; young people today participate in flash mobs. Even though these things may seem very different, they all express what is important to humans at certain points in history.

People can be drawn to art as spectators or as artists; most people are both. Museums, galleries, craft fairs, and

nature all display works of art to be admired. Looking at a piece of artwork can evoke many emotions: it can be uplifting, depressing, even challenging in trying to determine what message the artist was intending to convey. Artists, in turn, can use their emotions to express themselves in a visual way. A visit to Mount Rushmore or an afternoon watching a theatrical production of the Lion King has a much different effect on your emotions than a display of photographs depicting the horrors of the Holocaust or 9/11.

Healing and expression are common themes in art, both for the artist and the observer. Art therapy, for example, uses the act of creating art as a way for people who have experienced trauma, depression, or anger to resolve those issues and feel better about themselves.

You have probably experienced the impact of art in a very simple way yourself: looking at the color yellow, for example, will usually make you feel warm and happy, while the color brown might make you feel slow and sad.

Art is intriguing because it means different things to different people – it is open to interpretation, and there is usually no right or wrong way to view art because everyone experiences the same thing very differently.

So, the next time you see something that creates a strong emotion in you, express yourself and let the artist in you come out to play!

# Art!

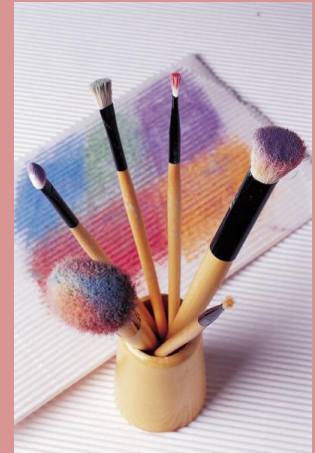
What is art? Art can be a way of music, a sculpture or a painting. Art has been around for thousands and thousands of years. With lots and lots of different artists. One special artist is Leonardo DaVinci, Leonardo DaVinci is a very famous artist he has painted the



Mona Lisa, Tobias and the angel and many more. Leonardo was born on April 15<sup>th</sup> 1452. He lived in Italy born out of wedlock. Leonardo is an amazing artist that really shows what true art is.

Some people think of art as just painting, but art like I said before is sculptures, statues, drawings, and so on. Art can be very important. Did you know kids who study art are 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement and 3 times more likely to be awarded for school attendance? There also once was a very famous artist by the name of Frida Kahlo. Frida Kahlo was a very interesting artist who expressed her feelings very much in her art. If she felt dark she would paint herself with a hole in her head. If she was happy she would paint of her with flowers. You see the difference. Frida was born on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1907 in Coyoacán Mexico. And died July 13<sup>th</sup> 1954. Frida was married to Diego Riviera on August 21<sup>st</sup> 1929, Diego was also an artist and you could say it was meant to be with them. They had an ok marriage. I guess you

could say the only thing that they had in common was art. But it didn't last. Diego had a very violent temper which caused a divorce in 1939. Frida did pretty well but they got remarried in



1940. Once Frida died Diego was alone for three years till he too died in 1957 on November 24<sup>th</sup>. So as you can see art can be a way of love to. Even though people have their differences art can bring them together. Art is a beautiful thing as you can see in the story of Frida Kahlo. You may think art is just for the artists. Well anyone is an artist. For all we know art could be a bunch of splattered paint on a canvas, art can be a hand statue. Art is anything and artists can be anyone. Anyone and everyone can follow their dream, sometimes you may need to reach a little higher for it. And no matter what you can always get better, practice doesn't make perfect practice makes better. You always need to believe in yourself, just like Henry Moore said *"To be an artist is to believe in life"* You always need to keep moving forward. Some artist's endings may not be the best but you can control yours. Follow your dreams!

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# The Art Show Gone Wrong

One day there was a girl named April and she loved to paint and draw picture. Her friends loved her drawings. They thought she should go in art shows. Her parents and her have talked about it, but her parents said that it was too much money. She wished that she had enough money for the art show.

April's parents thought about April entering the art show and the next state art show. She got in out of 200 people. She brought her canvas and her paints to the Art Show. She got everything set up and everything was going fine.

Then it all went wrong and her paint was all over the place, canvas was broken, everything was not going as planned. She was so frustrated. She had to clean up everything, and she had to buy other canvas and was scared that she wouldn't get everything done in time. She had to do her best but do it fast. She was asking people what to do. She had to get more paint so she ran to the art store in the place where the art was at.

Everyone else was finishing up but April wasn't. She had to do a lot more. She was pushing the panic mode button. She needed help. She asked people what they thought and they gave her ideas.

One person told her to put shading in it. She thought about it. Then she decided that she would do that.

Another person suggested that she put some more color in it. More color makes it bright and it will really show it off. She decided that this might be a good idea, too.

She takes care of these two things and then it is getting close to the end of her time. She works very hard until the final buzzer and then all the artists have to stop. She feels relieved to be done, but very nervous. She has to present her art to a panel of judges where they will tell her all the things she did well, but also all the things

did not do well.

There are three judges on the panel., One is a very nice lady with short blonde hair and big blue eyes. The second judge is a man that has a slightly gray beard. He has brownish hair and he is also pretty nice. The last judge is like Simon Cowell's long lost brother. He is sometimes rude and can even make some of the artists cry.

April waited for her time in front of the judges which seemed like forever. She was super nervous, her hands were shaking and her stomach was in knots. Finally it was her turn to present. She took a deep breath and entered the room where the judges were sitting. The lights were bright and felt warm.

Judge number one, the lady with the blonde hair was very excited about the artwork that April made. She liked the colors that April used. She thought it was very eye-catching.

Judge number two, the bearded man with dark hair said the artwork April made was ok. He liked the shading, but thought the colors were too bright. He suggested using light purples and blues in this piece.

Judge number three, the rude judge said he absolutely hated her artwork. Judge number 3 called it sloppy and a big mess. He said it looked like garbage.

In the end, April got 3rd place out of 50 contestants and she felt pretty good about placing in the top ten. She got a trophy and a gift card to an art supply store as a prize. She could use that to buy more art supplies for other contests.

Above all, April learned that it's not all about winning, and she was there to have fun. She was happy that she took the suggestions of others and is getting much better about putting her artwork in front of other people.





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