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Hearst Center Announces Upcoming Spring Exhibitions

04/07/ 2022 – The Hearst Center for the Arts announces two upcoming shows this spring. The annual *Cedar Falls Student Art Exhibition*, now in its 33rd year, opens on April 14 and runs through May 15. The public is invited to join the young artists, their friends, and families for a reception on Sunday, May 1 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. *Daydreams: Selected Works by Jerry Nissen* opens on April 14 and runs through May 15. A public reception with the artist will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Cedar Falls Student Art Exhibition continues the Hearst Center's tradition of celebrating students and teachers with a display of artwork created in the art rooms of Cedar Falls Community Schools. The talent of these young artists provides an impressive and diverse experience for viewers in Dahl-Thomas Gallery with works in all media including ceramics, photography, printmaking, and painting.

Daydreams: Selected Works by Jerry Nissen's marks the first solo gallery exhibition by Jerry Nissen and includes works spanning six decades. Nissen is a painter, a beloved painting instructor for the Hearst, a former art teacher for Cedar Falls High School, and a regular Thursday Painter. In his artist statement, Nissen writes, "We sometimes think of dreams as little distractions, but it's the dreamers who have enriched and improved our lives. Children are the best dreamers because, to them, nothing is impossible. Hopefully that spark is still alive in all of us."

Also on view: *Hearst Photo Club Photography Show* is on view in the lower level of the Hearst Center from April 15 through May 15. The Hearst invites the public for a reception on Tuesday, April 19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This exhibition features the Hearst Photo Club's new works from the past year. Photographs from Al Sundt, John McCormick, Kristin Pehl, Sheri Huber-Otting, and Randall Olson are displayed. To learn more about the club and to become a member, contact the Hearst's Program Coordinator, Sheri Huber-Otting at sheri.huber-otting@cedarfalls.com.

About the Hearst Center for the Arts

The James & Meryl Hearst Center for the Arts is located at 304 West Seerley Boulevard in Cedar Falls. More information on the Hearst Center and its programs is available at www.TheHearst.org, by calling the Hearst Center at (319) 273-8641, or follow us on Facebook. The Hearst Center is free and open to the public.

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