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The Mission of Mark Arts is to be a vibrant regional arts hub by providing opportunities to appreciate and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning.

## Current Exhibitions

Gladys & Karl T. Wiedemann Gallery

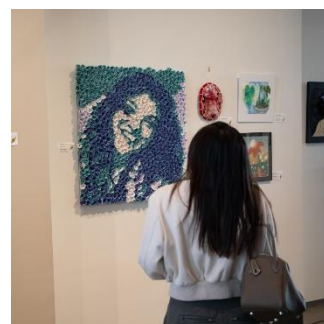
### *À La Mode: The Language of Fashion in Art* | January 10 – March 15

Juror Shana Levenson has chosen 81 unique pieces for this innovative exhibition that explores and celebrates fashion in fine art. *À La Mode: The Language of Fashion in Art* examines the way that artists utilize and manipulate fashion within their art practice.

Youth Gallery and School of Creativity Galleries

### *Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards* | February 7 – March 29

Mark Arts is proud to serve as the Eastern Kansas Affiliate for the Scholastic Art Awards. This exhibition showcases select artwork created by middle school and high school students from 70 Kansas counties. The Scholastic Art Awards are the largest and longest-running recognition program for young artists in the United States, identifying and rewarding students who demonstrate superior talent and achievement. The Scholastic Art Awards allows young artists to explore all topics. The jurors selected pieces based on originality, skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. This exhibit features five American Vision Nominees, 103 Gold Key and 146 Silver Key award winning artworks.



## Plan Your Visit

Booking Your Field Trip

To book a field trip, please contact our Community Partnership Coordinator, Rachel McDaniel, at [rachelm@markartks.com](mailto:rachelm@markartks.com) or by phone at 316.932.1792. You may book a self-guided or guided tour free of cost.

Bus Reimbursement Partnership with Wichita Art Museum

Are you bringing your students to an exhibition at Mark Arts from a Wichita or Wichita-Metro school? You may qualify for bus reimbursement if you also include a tour at the Wichita Art Museum in your field trip plan. Transportation and WAM tours are FREE, and the museum provides bus reimbursement to all Wichita-area schools in reasonable driving distance. Consider adding WAM to your day's itinerary! For a list of participating cultural and art institutions, visit <https://wam.org/visit/things-to-do/tours/>.

Bus reimbursement questions? Call 316-268-4921 or email [education@wam.org](mailto:education@wam.org).

## Pre-Visit Activities

What is an Art Center?

**Find out what your students already know.** If any of them have visited an art gallery or art center, ask them about their experiences. Have they been to an art museum? It's common to confuse art galleries with art museums.

Art museums have a permanent collection and archival records. They often display artworks from their own collection or pieces on loan from other institutions. The art typically has historical or cultural significance.

In contrast, an art center is a place where people can take art classes. Mark Arts is an art center that also has galleries to exhibit art. While Mark Arts has a study collection and sculpture garden, exhibits are temporary, and the artwork is for sale.

Title Cards

Titles cards are tiny treasure troves of information! Title cards identify information such as:

Artist Name

John Doe

Artwork Title

*Devoted Ocean*

Medium

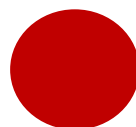
Oil Paint on Board

Dimensions

8"x10"

Price

\$250



If a title card has a red dot on it, this means the artwork has been sold.

**Have your students practice making a title card for an art piece they've made.** Can they convey a message or story for their art with an effective title? How does an artist price their artwork? Time, education, materials used, commissions, and reputation can all determine the price of an artwork.

## Field Trip Activities

During a guided tour, groups will enjoy guided introduction to exhibits and artwork. Using Visual Thinking Strategies, students will be encouraged to think critically about artwork, using context clues to deduce meaning and symbolism.

A self-lead tour can be just as engaging. Educators and group organizers can lead their students through our various gallery spaces and encourage critical, conceptual, and analytical skills through discussion and shared ideas about our exhibits.

## Facilities

Visiting an art gallery can be intimidating, especially for those who may have not been to a gallery or museum prior to their visit at Mark Arts. Let's discuss expectations, so all feel knowledgeable and prepared upon their visit to our facilities.

- **No Touching of the Art and Walls**

Touching art can leave behind these oils from our hands, and it will contribute to the deterioration of an art piece over time.

- **No Running**

To ensure the safety of our art and those within our facility, we ask all visitors keep a walking pace.

- **No Yelling**

We kindly request that all keep a moderately low noise level during their visit. We have many students who are at work in our studios daily.

We hope you enjoy your future visit and look forward to seeing your group at Mark Arts!

