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Hands-on Art: Creating Self and Place

Exhibition opening for the Art-in-Education Program at Women's Studio Workshop

Cioni Building, Kingston City School District Administrative Building
61 Crown Street, Kingston, NY 12401

Reception: April 15, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Exhibition: April 15 – May 18, 2015

Free and open to the public

Light refreshments offered at opening reception

Kingston, NY – On April 15, the Cioni Building will open its doors to showcase the work of 90 young artists who attended the Hands-on Art Program at Women's Studio Workshop. The exhibition will include handmade paper, dry point etchings, linoleum cut prints, and screen-printed art made by students from J. Watson Bailey Middle School's eighth grade and Edward R. Crosby Elementary School's fourth grade.

WSW's Art-in-Education program is truly a unique experience. Rarely do young artists get to spend so much time developing a body of artwork. Over the course of three visits to Women's Studio Workshop, these students spent full days in the papermaking, silkscreen, and etching studios. Working alongside teaching artists, students learn to think like artists through the physical act of creation.

"I had a lot of fun at Women's Studio Workshop. I think it is the best place I have ever been, and I have been to a lot of pretty good places," gushes Olivia Brannock from Crosby Elementary School. Olivia is one of many students who feel this way.

During the Hands-on Art program, students engage in projects connected to an overarching theme. This year the eighth graders created artwork surrounding the idea of personal identity, while the fourth graders focused on place. All of this artistic exploration will end in a group exhibition called *Creating Self and Place*.

Join in the revelry and spend your evening exploring imaginative landscapes, printed explorations of the self, and maps of magnificent journeys. Meet the artists and indulge in light refreshments during the April 15 opening, from 5 to 7pm. *Creating Self and Place* will remain on display until May 18.

Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) is a visual arts organization in Rosendale, New York. Since 1974, WSW has brought over 5,000 artists from across the globe to work in their printmaking, hand papermaking, letterpress printing, photography, book arts and ceramics studios. Over 6,500 Ulster County youth have participated in WSW's Art-in-Education program. WSW's artists' book grant program has published more than 200 artists' books, collected by special collections of major libraries and museums including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Tate Modern, and The Library of Congress, among others. www.wsworkshop.org

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