



Challenge #1: Create it and Let it Go...
 Students were given a 16" square canvas and instructed to build an artwork around the theme of hands; what they do, what messages they convey, their power, etc. Two additional requirements were to use a technique or materials that was unique to their style and to partially finish their artwork- up to 75%. At the February 16th collaboration exchange, students then traded their personal canvases away to other members in their small group to finish it. Some of the small groups unified the randomly grouped canvases so well that they looked as if they had all been made by the same artist.

Apollo High School
 Andrea Burris, Teacher

Becker High School
 Joni Svaren, Teacher

Changing Hands

2011 MDCC High School Arts Collaboration

Challenge #2: Come Together...

Students were re-assigned in to new groups and given a small group of 16" square canvases and challenged to design a 16" by 32" canvas that could incorporate the major elements and principles and unify the collection. In a limited amount of time, only 1/2 hour to sketch, and 1 1/2 hours to execute the artworks, the small groups were able to create canvases that again unified individual works that may or may not have been theirs originally.

In both collaborations students learned to make their voices heard, to compromise, to have fun and not as worried about controlled techniques. Perhaps the greatest lesson learned was cooperating and **allowing their art to change hands enough to contribute to a greater whole.**

Challenge #3: All Together Now...

The artists configure the 67 artworks into five major groupings for this art crawl show March 18th.

67 artworks

53

students

5

high schools

2 guest artists

Guest Artists

Sue Glass
 and
 Matt Hebert

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amazing collaboration

Tech High School
 Jennifer Heydt-Nelson, Teacher

Holdingsford High School
 Frank Gosiak, Teacher

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Guest Artists Sue Glass and Matt Hebert

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Multi District Collaborative Districts: St. Cloud, Becker, Holdingsford, and Foley.

Foley High School
 Michael Carlson, Teacher