



City of Yakima

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New Windows Alive! Exhibit Available

The new Windows Alive! art exhibit is now on display in Downtown Yakima. It can be seen along the northside of Yakima Avenue between Hotel Maison and 3rd Street.

The artists' brief bios, complete statements and a sample of their respective works can be found at <https://windowsalive.com/>

Following are the Central Washington artists selected for the new Windows Alive! exhibit, including an excerpt from their artist bios/statements,

- **Jarda Kelley:** “The bouquets I painted while thinking of ‘Yakima’s Bounty,’ so you’ll see along with the bright flowers Yakima native crops like apples, cherries, grapes and hops.”
- **Kiera Mehl:** The 13-year-old artist creates digital art primarily using Ibis Paint X on an I-Pad, but also enjoys drawing with pen/pencil and paper as well as painting with acrylics.
- **Makenzy Mehl:** In addition to drawing, Mehl also enjoys taking photos of the “...beautiful nature around me and sometimes that is what inspires me to make some of the characters I have created.”
- **Pamela Edwards:** Edwards explores folk art and abstract expressionism in oil pastels and acrylics. Her work has been included in shows at the Larson Gallery, Boxx Gallery and Mighty Tieton Warehouse.
- **Sheryl Pickering:** “I am grateful to capture some of the visual beauty of our area (through photography), but painting is a way for me to explore the unseen magic of those experiences.”
- **Susan Hahn:** The retired Superior Court judge has studios in Yakima and Mazama. Hahn’s work has been shown at locations including Boxx Gallery, the Seasons, Gilbert Cellars and the Larson Gallery.
- **Tanya Perez:** Perez creates earrings using polymer clay, nickel-free rings, glue and acrylic paint. “I express my emotions and feelings through my hands on each art piece I make.”

Each artist received a \$250 stipend.

The Yakima Arts Commission, an advisory group appointed by the Yakima City Council, developed the Windows Alive! idea to harness the creativity of Central Washington artists.

Following a submission and evaluation process, the above artists were chosen to be part of the latest “Windows Alive!” exhibition.