

# SHOWING OFF OUR ARTISTS



Students in the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center's Delta Visual and Performing Arts Project have created and delivered their masterpieces for the world to see. BGACDC's booth at the 2023 Tri-County Fair won second place for its Showcase of Art.

Johana Nichols, an artist who works with students at Marvell and other communities around the country to develop their artistic instincts, worked this fall with children individually to explore their natural impulses and help transition them into creative skills and commercial art.

Art allows us to see new perspectives, emotions, and futures in our world. It guides us on powerful journeys in ways that are often safer than real life. "Doodling" helps us in more ways than we think. Ask yourself what the world would be without art—not just the majestic paintings of Rembrandt but the art we encounter daily in a hundred ways. Nichols worked with children at BGACDC to use color and form to bring out their inner impulses and turn them into saleable art, which he framed and prepared for showing. The Tri-County Fair was a perfect forum to display their creativity.

We couldn't be prouder of them. These young Picassos and future entrepreneurs are tapping into their imaginations and producing masterpieces for their time and place. At BGACDC, we hope to have some artistic, enthusiastic entrepreneurs rise to shape the future of today's art and the cultural impact it has had on these communities.