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## Artistic talent on display

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MILTON — Thirty-four pieces of artwork were displayed during one of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit's (CSIU) biggest events of the year as friends, family members and teachers gathered Wednesday to celebrate the artistic talent of area students.

The CSIU Art Program was launched in 2017 to allow students from local school districts to submit their art pieces for the CSIU to purchase and professionally display throughout its lobby.

At a Wednesday reception, CSIU Executive Director Dr. John Kurelja introduced each student artist from 14 regional school districts and their respective piece of art, which were crafted with various mediums.

"We love putting this on for the students and recognizing them; it's just a great event. I feel like it gets bigger and bigger every year," said Heather Taggart, CSIU communications coordinator. "I love all of the art pieces... some of them are just so life-



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**Lewisburg Area High School sophomore Linghan Wan stands next to her watercolor painting 'Koi Fish,' now on display at the CSIU headquarters.**

like, it's just amazing."

As part of the reception, students stood next to their works. Some were exhibited inside a handcrafted glass cabinet, such as Line Mountain High School senior Leah Dangler's ceramic piece, "The Stringless Void."

"It makes me feel really happy in that I can say that I

did this; it's like a big accomplishment for me," Dangler said, of her displayed work.

Her black-and-white ceramic teapot is characterized by various patterns, such as vines, checkers and endless abstract lines.

Dangler said it took her

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## Union County joins substance disorder mediation initiative

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LEWISBURG — Union County has joined the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative (LETI) to mediate drug abuse-related offenses in the region while offering a hand-up to those suffering from substance use disorder.

Attorney General Michelle Henry announced the county's involvement with the collaborative program on Wednesday.

LETI was launched in 2020 by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General and law enforcement to redirect individuals with substance abuse issues to treatment services in an effort to lower incarceration rates for drug-related

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nearly four weeks to assemble the piece, including “pulling an all-nighter” to finish its final touches.

Lewisburg Area High School student Vivian Vance took a different approach with her gouache piece titled “Tivoli,” which depicts a 19th-century amusement park in Copenhagen, Denmark.

“I played piano (at this reception) last year and it’s really awesome that I get to be on the other side of things,” Vance said.

Vance estimated that her impressionistic painting took around 10 hours to complete after working on it during art classes and at home.

Vince’s sophomore peer at Lewisburg, Linghan Wan,

displayed her watercolor painting, “Koi Fish,” just a few feet down the hall.

The painting shows four multicolored carp fish swimming through a lily pond. It was framed by the CSIU with a light green boulder accented by an inner line of orange.

“It was a school assignment at first, but I kind of diverged off of the actual assignment,” Wan explained.

According to Wan, her teacher wanted the students to create an image of “something underwater,” alluding more to the sea than other bodies of water.

“I like fish, so I think koi are cool,” she said. “The framing is really nice; I think the green and the orange matched together are really pretty.”

Marion Ulrich, a

Shamokin Area High School sophomore, also dabbled in watercolor for her masterpiece, “Bridge to My Memory.”

The piece shows a dreamy image of a covered bridge surrounded by greenery and a dark tunnel leading to a glow of light.

“I think it looks absolutely wonderful; it’s a lot better than I expected,” Ulrich said about her display. “I don’t usually paint. This is probably the third time I’ve painted in my entire life, and I’m very proud of myself for how it came out.”

Ulrich also thanked her art teacher, Shawn McGugan, for pushing her out of her comfort zone.

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**Lewisburg High School student Vivian Vance stands next to her gouache painting of Tivoli in Copenhagen, which took nearly 10 hours to complete.**