

It started with an idea...

a flicker, a vision,
a thumbnail sketch
on a napkin.

The idea lay
dormant - stuck in a
sketchbook - marinating.
I knew it would grow and
change and eventually
blossom into a great piece.
The personal involvement,
the creative spark,
the expressive qualities,
the craftsmanship
and clarity of media -
it was all coming together.



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The Visual Art Scholastic Event is a statewide curricular opportunity for middle school and high school students of art. VASE is the only art event of its kind in the nation where students can bring artworks created in their art classes to a regional event and be interviewed by a certified juror. The juror evaluates their work based on a standards based rubric and their understanding of the art processes involved in the development of their artwork. The team of jurors is comprised of area artists, university instructors, and art educators. Regional events are divided into 20 separate areas of the state each aligned with a TEA Education Service Center. Each region has a Regional Director that can be located on the VASE website through the Regional Locator. Only academically eligible high school students in grades 9-12 from Texas schools can participate in VASE. Since 1994 more than 125,000 artworks have been entered in Regional Events across Texas with over 13,000 selected to advance to the State VASE Event at the University of Houston-Clear Lake campus each April. At the state event qualified artworks receiving a Superior Rating are awarded a Medallion and the top seven percent of the state entries are granted Exemplary Status with the coveted Gold Seal Award. For more information about VASE, visit the website at <http://www.taea.org/vase>.



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