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## **Purcellville Arts Council Sponsors “Youth Art Month” Show in the Purcellville Train Station**

**PURCELLVILLE, VA. February 25, 2016** - In celebration of Youth Art Month, the Purcellville Arts Council will sponsor a student art show each weekend in March. Starting Saturday, March 5, the historic Train Station in Purcellville will be filled with artwork by area Middle School students. In conjunction with Loudoun County Public School's One To The World program, artwork is being brought from the schools out into the community. Harmony Middle School art teacher Lori DeMark states, "This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to display their work in a gallery setting; it is also a chance for the public to see art created by truly talented kids." Harmony Middle School will be the first two weekends in March (5 & 6, 12 & 13). Blue Ridge Middle School will be the last two weekends (19 & 20, 26 & 27). Blue Ridge Middle School art teacher Liz O'Neill hopes that the community takes advantage of the opportunity to see artwork outside of the school, "It is our intention to display a variety of work from Grades 6 - 8 and we think the public will really enjoy the different techniques of each student." The art shows will run each Saturday from 10:00am to 3:00pm and on Sundays from 12:00pm to 3:00pm throughout the month of March. The Purcellville Arts Council strives to support local artists and to bring more art into the community.

### **The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,300 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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