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SUBJECT: SOUTH FORT MYERS ART STUDENTS HAVE "SOLE"

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Excellent Photo & Story Opportunity

South Fort Myers art students have "sole" – that's because this month, students in Drawing/Painting, Portfolio (advanced) and Ceramics are creating shoes. The idea was originally taken from the shoes around the doorframes at *House of Blues* establishments across the country. Students draw three designs for their shoes, and then the students in the Portfolio art class are given their "sole" canvas...an old donated shoe.

The shoe creations will be on display and open to the media from **10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, November 9th** at **South Fort Myers High, 14020 Plantation Rd., Fort Myers.**

The criteria are simple: the shoe must have a theme, must be completely covered and must have three dimensional qualities. Some students play it safe by simply painting designs on their shoe while other students take it to a whole new level. Some of the more extravagant designs this year include a pirate ship, a fairy forest, Mr. Peanut, Barbie World shoe, button shoe and one that is tiled out with handmade ceramic tiles.

In the beginning level Draw Paint class, students picked a beach flip-flop to create. This year's designs include a lot of "bling" and fun, including a Superman shoe, a Tree shoe and the Titanic among some of the ideas. And the Ceramics students didn't miss out on the "sole" fun this year.

Ceramics II students were challenged to make a shoe from clay. The rules still apply, as the students must create their piece as the original size and mimic an actual shoe. Some students choose to do their shoe trompe-loeil style (meaning "trick of the eye") and make theirs exactly like the model shoe, right down to the stitching. Others were inspired by the works of local raku artist Joanne Bedient, and choose to make their shoe a little more whimsical.

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