



To whom it may concern,

The Ellwood House Museum is excited to announce a brand-new K-12 art initiative called *Frame of Mind*. Our goal is to create a program that fosters the arts and connects with people all across the DeKalb County. We hope that you will participate!

### Program Overview

*Frame of Mind* has been developed as a partnership between the Ellwood House Museum, DeKalb County K-12 classrooms, and local businesses.

The first part of the program will be a juried exhibition of student artwork from the 2022/2023 school year, hosted in the museum's 1898 Ellwood-Nehring House (Ellcourt). The Kishwaukee Valley Art League has jury submissions from local teachers, and selected 20 works to be professionally framed by Franklin Framing in Sycamore. Students and their families will be invited to attend an opening reception, and the exhibit will run for approximately one month between April and May 2023.

After the exhibit, county businesses will have the opportunity to “rent” the pieces for a one-year period to be displayed in lobbies, offices, or stores. Artwork will be returned to the students at the end of the loan period. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage young artists, display community pride, and support the arts in DeKalb County!

### How to Participate

View all the available artwork at [ellwoodhouse.org/youth-programs](http://ellwoodhouse.org/youth-programs). Artwork will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, and is reserved using the Rental Agreement form (available online). The rental fee, a donation starting at \$100, will be used to fund the program for the following year.

Artwork will be delivered to you by the end of May, at the conclusion of the *Frame of Mind* exhibit. Names of businesses that rent artwork will be featured on the museum's social media and website.

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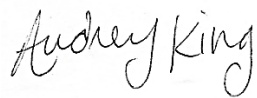
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With this program, the Ellwood House Museum hopes to build a vibrant annual event. Students will have an outlet to share their work in a professional setting, families will have an opportunity to celebrate their young artists, and local businesses can express their community spirit with one-of-a-kind artwork. We hope that you will find this program compelling, and plan to be a part of our inaugural event!

Please see below for a proposed program timeline and feel free to reach out to me via phone or email with any questions or concerns.

All the Best,



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The logo for Franklin's Frames and Art consists of the text "Franklin's" in a large, white, serif font and "Frames and Art" in a smaller, white, serif font, both set against a dark green rectangular background.

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## *Frame of Mind* FAQ

### **What kinds of artwork will be part of this program?**

- Images of the artwork will be available on the Ellwood House Museum website at [ellwoodhouse.org/youth-programs](http://ellwoodhouse.org/youth-programs). Each piece is two-dimensional and no larger than 18”x24”.

### **Can a single business rent more than one work of art?**

- Yes! Businesses may wish to rent more than one piece for the same building, or multiple pieces for different branches/locations. You may rent as many pieces as you would like at the base rate of \$100 for each piece.

### **Does the art need to be displayed for the public?**

- Ideally, yes. Students will be provided with a map of where their art has been rented, and will likely want to “visit” with family and friends at some point during the rental period.

### **What is the expected program timeline?**

- March 1 – Jury selection
- March 8-31 – Collect and frame selected pieces, open business rental applications
- April 16 – Opening reception
- May 20 – Exhibit closes, rental period begins
- May 2024 – Rented artwork returned to students