

# SPINNING GALLERIES

Students will view a variety of works from the permanent collection of the Dixon Gallery and Gardens and discuss artistic style, genre, and technique. Then, students will create their own spinning art gallery that can showcase a changing view of their creation.

## TN VISUAL ARTS STANDARDS:

K-2 VA.P1.A

K-2 VA.P2.A

K-2 VA.P3.A

## MATERIALS

- Paper Plates
- Brad
- Crayons

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. First, students will decorate a paper plate with two genres of art (abstract, landscape, portrait, etc.)
2. Students will then lay their second paper plate on top of their decorated plate. The second plate will have rectangles cut out prior to the class.
3. Using a pencil, students will poke a hole through both plates in the middle and will thread a brad through to allow the plates to spin.
4. Finally, students will decorate their top plate with frames and labels to resemble a gallery wall.

## DISCUSSION

**About the museum:** The Dixon Gallery and Gardens is a fine art museum and public garden founded in 1976. American and French Impressionism make up the majority of the museum's permanent collection. Each year, the Dixon organizes and presents eight to ten

GRADE LEVEL

**K-2**



VISUAL ART

In the Classroom:



At Home:



art exhibits designed to appeal to all ages and showcase a variety of artistic styles.

**Guiding questions:**

Why are museums important to a community?

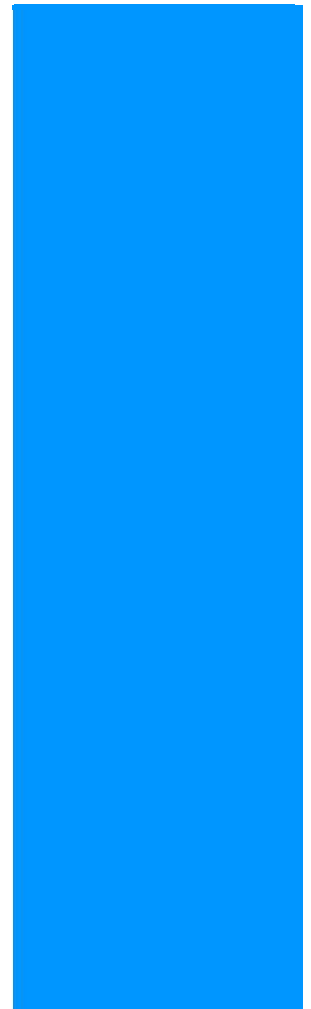
What type of art did you include in your gallery and why?

What about your artwork makes it a cohesive collection?

**LEARNING AT HOME**  
(For virtual students)

- Paper
- Drawing materials

After viewing images from the Dixon's permanent collection, students will fold a piece of paper twice to create a booklet. On each page of the book students will create a different artwork that showcases a variety of art styles. To finish the project, Students will open their page and draw frames and labels around the artwork create a gallery wall.



## INSPIRED BY:



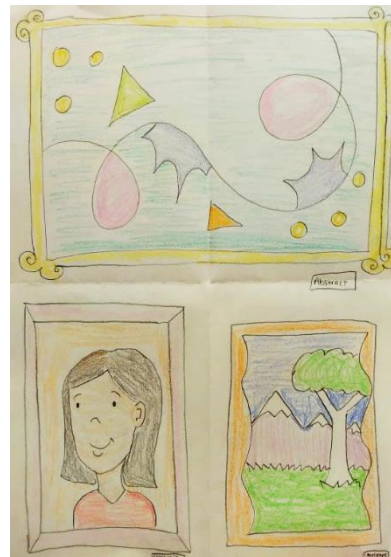
Jane Peterson  
American, (1876 – 1965)  
Lure of the Butterfly, ca. 1914  
Oil on canvas  
30 1/8 x 40 1/4 inches  
Museum purchase with funds  
provided by the 2020 Curator's  
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## EXAMPLES:

In the Classroom:



At Home:



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