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Student Art Show Supports Unique Arab School in Israel

Students from grades 6 through 12 at Waldorf School of the Peninsula have donated their art work to raise funds for their sister school located half a world away. The show will be hanging at MCoffee in Half Moon Bay through the month of June.

Tamrat El Zeitoun (TEZ), Fruit of the Olive Tree, the first all-Arab Waldorf School, is located in the Galilee. With Muslim, Christian and Druze children together in the same classrooms, the school is a bridge-building catalyst that is “seeding the Middle East with an educational philosophy that embraces life, learning, the arts, the earth and all the children.”

Waldorf education, the fastest growing independent school movement in the world, infuses its rigorous academic curriculum with art across all disciplines, including math, history, language arts and science. The art show at MCoffee on Main Street in Half Moon Bay presents pieces on the wall have been created using a variety of media and techniques, including a group of veil paintings.

Veil painting is a way of using watercolor special to Waldorf Schools, where paints are thinned down to a very light value and wet colors are applied one at a time only over dry colors. Artists begin with no drawing or preconceived idea and patiently layer "veils" of color over one another in varying patterns, taking care not to repeat the same shapes in the same place and waiting for an image or motif to arise.

All art purchases and donations are tax-deductible. Funds will go directly to TEZ through ReGeneration, the school's nonprofit sponsor organization. <http://regenerationeducation.org/our-projects/tamrat-el-zeitoun>

The community is invited to a celebration of the art show and sister school on Sunday, June 16 from 5-6:30 pm. MCoffee is located at 522 Main Street in Half Moon Bay. The event will also feature musical performances by high school students and a screening of “It’s About Time” – the short film produced by high school in Half Moon Bay last January.

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