

## Youth Center Resident Art at the Airport Gallery - Opening Reception, Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to the Art at the Airport Opening Reception on the Mezzanine Gallery and Youth Art Gallery on the top floor hallway of the Monterey Regional Airport off Hwy 68.

- Reception is Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>
- from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- Lite refreshments
- Bring parking ticket for validation

Each object in this important show *“Take me Back,”* reflecting Monterey County’s history through the magic of museums, has a specific story to tell. The Youth Art exhibit is a collection of visual stories about our incarcerated youth first learning to create naturalistic imagery and the transformation that began.



Our Youth Gallery exhibit, *Nature’s Light: Arts as Healing in Juvenile Justice* takes us back to our Youth Center resident students’ first major effort to create naturalistic paintings during a Summer arts intensive in 2013.

This was a pivotal point in our collaborative arts program that led to student creation of 6-foot long group paintings depicting *“Windows on the Outside World”* now hanging in the County Office building. Further building on this, by the end of 2014 our resident artists were working on the completion of 400 square feet of Naturalistic Murals for the Secret Garden in their own facility.

In 2015 after exhibitions in the community, they received a Senate commendation for *“Creating outstanding art that will be on display in Monterey County”*.

Monterey County then received the **National Association of Counties (NACo) 2015 National Arts and Culture award for Solutions and Innovation** based on our collaborative design and impact of our arts program in achieving “life-changing” results.

RSVP [Klara@arts4mc.org](mailto:Klara@arts4mc.org), for more information see [www.arts4mc.org/artsashealing](http://www.arts4mc.org/artsashealing)

## Nature's Light

### An ARTS AS HEALING IN JUVENILE JUSTICE Exhibition



Jorge proudly shows off his Sunflowers. He can't wait for his Mother to see them!



Robert & Joseph reflect on their paintings as they consider process and critique outcome with staff.



Hugo having worked out his Moon Rose painting with help, turns to help Enrique with his Sunrise.



Jairo persistently struggles to find the painting within himself and bring it to life on the canvas.

*The Arts as Intervention Program led by the Arts Council in collaboration with Probation and Behavioral Health Staff at the Youth Center. Twenty students aged 14 to 18 participated in a 6 day Summer Arts Intensive in 2013, beginning their large format Naturalistic Acrylic Painting development.*