The month of April was, obviously, jampacked. *To view all the photos from our event, please visit: [Metamorphosis Photo Gallery](#)  

The month of May proved to be just as busy with the Metamorphosis exhibit closing, works needing returning, accounts being closed out, finals being administered, and my students graduating shortly thereafter. It was difficult to see my students empty out their cabinets, hug me goodbye, and move on and away. It was difficult, but also very rewarding. It made me happy to reflect on all that we had accomplished together and excited that they would get to experience the next stage of their lives.
June and July were full of taking my summer school classes at Texas Tech in Lubbock. The summer flew by and before I knew it the 2017 school year had begun! I have a fabulous group of students this year in my It’s Your World class. They are eager, talented, and wanting to pick up where my graduates left off to make positive change in their community. We have been hard at work these past three months, getting to know one another, establishing leadership roles, and working on several events & partnerships that encourage us as we move forward with our goals.

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Teacher’s Message

Recent events that make us proud:

• For the Love of Earth: A Recycled Art Exhibition at Star Studio Productions, Om Gallery

• Adopt-A-Highway Desert Cleanups Begin

• Chuy’s Embossing Workshop with Fountains of Farah and the El Paso Museum of Art
Teacher’s Message

Events & Markets
(IYW will have a booth at):

- Farmer’s & Artisan Market: Sun, Nov 5th
- Chewy’s Paw Into Fall: Sat, Nov 18th
- Las Artistas Art Market: Sat & Sun, Nov 18th & 19th
- Metamorphosis: Trash to Treasure II-
  Hosted by the El Paso Museum of Art-
  Seeking art entries from Jan-March for a
  showcase in April. All ages welcome.
  More details to come.
Teacher’s Message

Available cleanup dates:

- Saturday, October 21st, 8am-12pm
- Saturday, October 28th, 8am-12pm
- Saturday, November 11th, 8am-12pm
- Saturday, December 2nd, 8am-12pm
- Saturday, December 9th, 8am-12pm

*2018 clean up dates posted soon

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Farmer’s and Artisan Market

By Emmanuel Marquez

On October 1st, the first-ever SISD Farmer’s and Artisan Market took place at the Student Activities Complex. This event consisted of various businesses, clubs and organizations selling their merchandise and goods to the El Paso community. In light of this opportunity, the It’s Your World Club participated by selling our multitude of recycled goods which included: magazine earrings, lightbulb planters, magazine magnets, clay necklaces, and ceramics.
This event was such a success that they will continue doing it on a monthly basis. Vendors will sell organic food, artwork, and beauty supplies. They will have yoga, live music, and a walk for cancer awareness. Please come out and bring your family to the next market on Sunday, November 5th from 9am-1pm at 1300 Joe Battle Blvd. It is a free, fun, and a family friendly event.

Photos by Rodolfo Gonzales
The midday sun shines, illuminating the creativity in every colorful drawing on the streets. The slight scratch of chalk against pavement, overshadowed by the music blasting through the air. These sights and sounds make up the annual Chalk the Block event, held near the El Paso Museum of Art on Sunday, October 8th.
It's Your World (IYW) took this event as a chance to show how art goes hand-in-hand with making the world greener by setting up a booth to make magnets and pins out of old magazines, books, and postcards. Ms. Printz commented on why IYW found it important to participate in Chalk the Block. “The event is a really good way to promote both the group and the arts. It allows us to slide in our message about recycling while having fun.” Children and adults alike enjoyed the event and learned about a way that common objects can be remade into useful items. “I really liked it. The magnets are very easy to make and take home”, remarked Violet Perez, an event participant. Kevin Burns, Education and Curatorial Associate of the El Paso Museum of Art, expressed his opinion about having IYW at the event. “It's a really cool project to engage the community. We're excited to collaborate with local artists and schools. Everyone is excited to be here and loving it.”
Chalk the Block also featured *Life Cube* by Scott Cohen, an artist from New York who envisioned a piece of interactive art that would connect the community. The cube features the art of local artists, with a tapestry mural that consists of canvases designed by elementary to high school students. There are also two large murals painted by two students, one being Celeste Lopez from El Dorado High School. Celeste Lopez showed off her creativity with her beautiful sun and moon mural. Every inch of the cube is covered by the dreams, hopes, and aspirations of the locals. Since Friday, the cube has been an ephemera piece of art, the live creation of the cube open for the whole community to enjoy. “The response from the community has been phenomenal. It's exactly what I envisioned. Rather than my art, this is the art of the community!” exclaimed Cohen.
The struggle for activists today is to educate the public about concerns which are taking place in our society. Nicholas Natividad and Dulcinea Lara are both professors at New Mexico State University that wanted to address some of these issues in an interactive exhibit, Trotando Pasos Ajenos: Social Justice and Inequalities in the Borderland. With the help from the community as well El Dorado High School artists, this inspiring display came to life.
Many of these artists came from our very own It’s Your World club. One component of the exhibition touched on man-made environmental concerns. We were approached by Mr. Natividad to create art pieces out of recycled materials for this portion of the show that depicted endangered animals. It was very educational and disheartening for us to discover that the bald eagle, bighorn sheep, armadillo, jaguar, and gray wolf are all endangered in our region. Students from El Dorado High School pulled together to create some very moving pieces and explanations for their works that touched on the plights of these animals.

The exhibit officially opened October 5th and welcomed the contributing artists to the reception that took place that evening. I had the opportunity to go and visit the exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center in New Mexico. The hands-on nature of this show allowed for participants to spin a life-sized rotating image of a female figure that consisted of a head panel, a torso panel, and a leg panel. You were able to spin these three sections in order to create multiple variations of the figure. Some versions/sections depicted a posh figure while others were less refined. This really made you think about your perceptions of people based off of how they look and what they may own.
Another area of the show required users to place magnets on a map of Las Cruces to guess what types of populations lived in certain areas of the city. This was to see what assumptions people had about certain parts of town. After going through the entire exhibition, we got to experience the messages that the project hoped to convey: raising awareness about education, pollution, violence, drugs, social inequalities and constructs, and women’s rights. I observed how the exhibit sought to have people interact with it and that was something new that I enjoyed. This project is a step in the right direction to address societal issues that are present in our communities today. If more people bring attention to these issues we can all work together to finding solutions. If you would like to visit the exhibit it will be open until January 6, 2018. Admission to the Branigan Cultural Center in Las Cruces, NM is free and will be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tues-Fri and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sat.