

AAYC EDUCATIONAL GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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DEAR ARTS ALLIANCE OF YAMHILL COUNTY

KENDRA VAAGE (FROM SPRING 2010)



Because of your grant, the new design class at McMinnville High School was able to explore wire as a medium in creating sculptures. The project's inspiration came from California artist Corrine Okada, whose focus is on recycling very colorful and patterned Japanese candy wrappers. With emphasis on "reuse and recycle" in today's society this project seemed to fit right in.

We talked about line, shape and how the two work together to create mass and unity. Most of the shapes created were to be left exposed to accentuate the wire structure. Multiple wire gauges and a variety of colors were used for accenting certain chosen areas.

Bugs were the subject of interest. We had several problems to solve from figuring out how to create the art with a limited amount of wire (20') to wire-connecting issues that needed to be aesthetic and consistent. Then, there was finding the best way to attach the wrappers, etc. to the wire. The students produced a huge variety of bugs, where creativity was at its best. The outcome was overwhelming and this event was extreme. So, thank you for giving us the opportunity to tap into our creative selves and express through the wire medium.

