

Turpin grad seeks smiles through art

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Turpin High School graduate Allie Guard has recently had her art displayed at the Pendleton Art Center. Guard, who has Down syndrome, has also begun selling jewelry featuring her art.

Turpin High School graduate Allie Guard had always dreamed of becoming an artist.

That dream has recently been achieved. Her work is currently on display at the Pendleton Art Center in Over-the-Rhine.

“I like being creative,” said Guard, whose specialty is colored pencils.

Guard, who has Down syndrome, was encouraged to begin displaying her art by a friend of her father’s who is a local artist.

During the summer Jeffrey Johns and Guard collaborated together on a painting displayed at a Covington gallery. Shortly after Guard began displaying her own work at the Pendleton Art Center, where Johns' paintings are also featured.

Guard buys black and white prints and then adds her own creative touch using colored pencils.

“I like to get a smile,” said Guard, 23, who said bright colors are an important part of her work.

Guard said she wants her art to accomplish three things: “I want people to use it, display it and

wear it.”

To achieve the latter, Guard has begun making and selling her own jewelry including bracelets, earrings and belt buckles.

Some of the items are currently being sold at Details in Newtown.

Guard will also be the featured artist at Stonekry Resale Books in Anderson Township in December.

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