ROVER: Mobile Arts Center Student and Instructor Exhibition is the culmination of the MCAC’s rural community outreach art workshops from the past year. ROVER: Mobile Arts Center is a visual arts education program that mirrors the classes offered at the McLean County Arts Center (MCAC) and is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts for Arts Education in American Communities. Ten rural communities each hosted six visual arts workshops lead by local professional artists for youth ages ten to eighteen from October 2012 to July 2013. At no cost, youth were taught techniques and created art in various media. The artwork from the ceramics, 2D, and fibers workshops as well as the instructors’ artwork is installed in the Brandt Gallery to share with the community.

The three-dimensional workshops offered ceramic exploration, construction, and decoration while the two-dimensional workshops explored light, shape, space, and color on a variety of planer surfaces such as paper, canvas, and panel. During the fibers media workshop, participants explored processes like weaving, felting, and tie-dying. MCAC takes pride in providing quality art education lead by local, working artists. In support of the local artists and their communities, MCAC administered the same quality arts education to rural McLean County youth.
Workshop Locations:
Heyworth Jr/Sr High School
Tri-Valley High School
Lexington Jr/Sr High School
Danvers Public Library/Historical Society
LeRoy High School
Chenoa Public Library
Towanda District Library
Sugar Grove Nature Center
Moraine View State Park
McLean County Arts Center

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