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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University's Women's Resource Center will present its first thematic art show, "Women in Violence."

The show will open from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, and will run through the month. It contains about 30 pieces, including drawings, paintings, ceramics and photographs.

The Women's Resource Center is located in the basement of Dana Hall, on the corner of Spring and Bryson Streets. The show is free and open to the public. Hours for the Center are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday and Thursday; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

According to Danna Bozick, coordinator of the Center, "Current statistics show that violence, particularly against females, is on the rise." She notes that this art show offers the viewers a chance to examine their feelings about violence, as well as to raise consciousness about it. Bozick stresses the need to change attitudes about violence and states, "By educating ourselves and helping victims to be healed, we can turn outrage, fear, sorrow and anguish into hope for a more humane society."

Selected for first prize of \$50 is "Don't Worry It Will Grow Back," a video entry by Susan Beth Halpern of Columbus. Second prize of \$25 will go to Sarah Lander Marks of Youngstown for her mixed media entry, "Just a Statistic." Honorable mention is given to Sharon L. Sharo of Youngstown for her stoneware piece, "The Rape Crisis Lines are Busy, Please Hold," and to Emily Christoff of Akron for her mixed media piece, "Untitled."

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The show was juried by Charlotte Hanten and Katie Pursley.

Hanten, of Akron, received a bachelor of arts degree from Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., and a master's degree in education from Pennsylvania State University. She has taught in Indiana and Ohio on the university level. In 1982, Hanten was granted Professor Emeritus status from the University of Akron. She is founding organizer of the Ohio Chapter, Women's Caucus for Art Activities.

Pursley received a bachelor's degree in art education from YSU, and received two master's degrees from Kent State University. She has taught at the Akron Public Schools, the Akron Art Institute, Frostburg State College, Maryland, the University of Akron, and currently teaches part-time at Kent State University.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (216) 742-7253.

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