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## **The Arlington Boys and Girls Club Mural Project**

An exciting effort is underway in Arlington to facilitate the awareness and creation of public art. A group called Arlington Public Art was formed recently to promote interest in and support for existing and future public art throughout the Town of Arlington. The APA is a sub-committee of the Arlington Center for the Arts and is also tied to the Arlington Planning and Community Development Department, the Arlington Cultural Council, the Arlington Vision 2020 Committee, and the Arlington Public Schools K-12 Visual Art Department.

One goal of this committee is to give public and private school students opportunities to make artistic contributions to their own community by designing art works that will be visible and appreciated by hundreds of Arlington residents.

With the cooperation of the Arlington Boys and Girls Club (AB&GC) and the Friends of Spy Pond Park, a visual art competition was held at Arlington High School to select four original student works of art to be enlarged to mural size and then draped over the roof of the AB&GC to face Spy Pond. The theme of the competition was the “**Natural and Human Aspects of Spy Pond**”. The competition was open to all past and present art students currently enrolled at Arlington High School. Four students’ works were selected and we now need the Town of Arlington to give us the go ahead to install the mural. We also need to raise the money to create the mural.

The mural will help us celebrate the teen artists in our midst, and will bring positive attention to Arlington as a community that embraces the arts. Further, it will bring tourists to Arlington and focus attention on two wonderful Arlington resources, the Arlington Boys and Girls Club and Spy Pond.

The attached digital image shows what the mural will look like when it is installed.

