

"Bee Green: A Rat's Eye View of Garbage" is a STEAM project with the Polytechnic School and Pump House Regional Arts Center for students to explore art as an expression of their environmental concerns, expanding their voice by creating an opportunity to message those concerns to our community through local shows of original art.

Each student group is constructing a 3D sculpture out of garbage, primarily plastics, installed on a 2'X4' finished plywood panel. There are eight total panels that will include an artist statement describing the panel which will have an animal or amphibian as well as one word from the "R" list of recycling topics. Students will collect garbage from home, school, and elsewhere that will be used for the art project.

The panels have hardware on them allowing them to hang on a wall. Alternatively, two panels could be "sandwiched" together for outdoor presentation where there are no walls for display. The panels will first be on exhibit at Artspire on Sat. June 10, 2023. We are looking for other community areas for exhibit.

We are not requesting any funds at this time, but instead, a public exhibit space such as the La Crosse County Building, City Hall, La Crosse Center, etc.

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Pump House staff can print labels, help install and uninstall.

After Artspire, we have an open timeframe for exhibition.

Note: After this initial pilot project, we will assess and move forward in how to implement this STEAM class in other area schools and classrooms.