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Marcia Bauerle of Imperial has contributed a display for the public to enjoy at Meadowlark Gallery during the month of September.

Bauerle's impressive resumé includes teaching degrees in family and consumer science and K-12 art as well as a degree in housing and equipment.

She substitute teaches in Chase County Schools, volunteers as an instructor for a cancer survivor's painting therapy class and instructs a painting course at Mid-Plains Community College.

She is a member of the National Collage Society, the Art Society of Ogallala, and the Association of Nebraska Art Clubs.

She is a lifelong learner who has studied art for 35 years.

She enjoys creating water-media collage works with hand-painted papers and "pieces of life."

"Life is unpredictable," Bauerle said. "So is the art I create. The story of my painting is more about process than anything."

She strives for overall balance and rhythm to make shapes and colors flow throughout. She uses images that tell the story of her life in the midwest, travel, flight, activities with kids, connections with books, people, frustrations and joys she has experienced.

Of one of her pieces called "Show Up," she blogs on her website: "This creative process never ceases to amaze me...the evolving and layering of thoughts, scraps, papers, and history into a balanced and pleasing work of art. There is a magical, wondrous, awesome power in charge. The more I show up to do the work, the greater the power. And, that thought can be applied to every relationship and task in life."

Some of her most notable series are of sunflowers and aerial photographs.

Bauerle is the recipient of several regional awards including Best of Show from the Phillips County Art Competition in Holyoke, and the PTK six-state competition in McCook.

She is the 2011 featured artist at the Governor's Residence and will be featured in a future Nebraska Life magazine.

Her art can be found in collections across Nebraska, Washington, Illinois, Kansas and New York.

Open House

An open house to meet the artist is planned for this Sunday, Sept. 11 from 12-3 p.m.

Visit Meadowlark Gallery on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6-8 p.m. and check the arts council's Facebook page for past and current shows and a gallery schedule.

The gallery is operated by the Perkins County Area Arts Council, who meets the second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. at the gallery. The meetings are open to the public.