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# Alexandria Artist Sets Paper Free at New Exhibit

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A local artist is breaking extraordinary new ground in the art world.



"The Hikers." Courtesy Megan Coyle

Her name is [Megan Coyle](#), and she paints with magazine strips. The Alexandria native calls herself a collage artist, because technically that's what she is, but her work looks nothing like any collage you've ever seen. They look like paintings. But they're not.

Coyle carefully orchestrates magazine bits into swirls of color. She does landscapes and portraits, among other genres, but her specialty is animal pictures—she even wrote and illustrated a children's book, called "Duck & Fish."

This Saturday, Feb. 18, Coyle will talk about her work at the [Manassas Center for the Arts](#). At 1 p.m., in the [Caton Merchant Family Art Gallery](#), Coyle will walk listeners through her artistic process, detailing every step of the transformation from magazine to work of art.

Her artwork will remain at the gallery through March 22. The gallery is at 9419 Battle St., Manassas. Call them at 703-330-2787.

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"Yellow Bird." Courtesy Megan Coyle.

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