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## Professional artist gives lesson on making collage

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A professional artist presented a lesson on making collages to Visual Arts Instructor Jorge Vasquez' second block students.

Kimberly Walton, with the Laredo Center for the Arts, showed students about shapes, texture, and colors and said beauty is in the eyes of the beholder

The students did a hands-on project, which Vasquez said turned out well.

"It was a very positive experience for the students," Vasquez said.

The lesson was a three-to four-day project. She displayed her own artwork that gave student many ideas. She was not able to stay to see the outcome of their work.

Walton was so impressed with one senior's project that she offered to buy it.

"We work closely with the Laredo Center for the Arts. We have scheduled a field trip to the place the past few years. They have workshops with a variety of activities. They go to different schools with this program," Vasquez said.

Oscar Treviño, from second block, found out he could use just about anything with collages and different textures.

"It was interesting and a weird way of using art," Treviño said.

"She was a nice lady and she gave good examples of using art. We think she should come over again and teach us a new lesson," Treviño said.

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"Her collages were beautiful. She inspired me on doing collages about my friends," student Denise Solis said.

Walton is from South Carolina.

She said she likes to teach high school students because they are old enough to appreciate their creativity.

Walton enjoys art because "there are lots of different and sometimes out-of-this-world creations that they can share with each other and the world."

Collage is her specialty and she said she enjoys showing students new techniques.

Walton has been teaching for 10 years at a "serious level." She realized art was her passion in life when she was only eight years old.