Santa Ynez Valley High School Students Open Exhibition at the Wildling Museum of Art & Nature

• 44 artworks in a variety of mediums, exploring the theme of climate change
• On view through April 27, 2018

(Solvang, CA, March 2, 2018) – In a new exhibit at the Wildling Museum of Art & Nature, young artists from Santa Ynez Valley Union High School respond to the theme of climate change with a surprising variety of artworks in mediums ranging from digital artwork to watercolor. The students titled their show *Our World, In Danger.*

Student Hannah Gechter, 11th Grade, stated, "This is an important topic, as our generation will be inheriting this world. Hopefully this exhibition and our collaborative efforts will make people think about the state of our environment."

Fine Art Teacher Callie Martin was enthusiastic about the project, "I am always proud when students use their voice and experiences to express their opinions and view of their world! This group of students is beyond talented, but it’s the way they use those talents through artistic expression that will tell their stories and reach the broader community. For Artists, the main question should always be 'What do I have to say?!'." The show features Advanced and AP Art students, Grades 10-12.

“We are so pleased to offer these talented students a place to showcase their artwork to the community and our visitors. We hope to work with the high school on a regular basis now to help encourage them in their artistic explorations of the natural world,” said Wildling executive director Stacey Otte-Demangate. A small grant from the City of Solvang helps the museum to present shows that feature art from Solvang-based residents. Prior shows include artwork by the residents of Atterdag Village, Friendship House, Solvang School and more.
The student’s show will be on view in the Barbara Goodall Education Center at the Wildling until April 27, 2018.

Art credits:
Top right: Aidan Estrada, *Replacement of Natives*, digital artwork
Bottom left: Rebecca Gechter, *Reef’s Edge*, acrylic

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*The Wildling Museum of Art & Nature*, where art and nature meet, offers visitors a unique perspective on the importance of preserving our natural heritage. Through the eyes of artists, education and field experiences, guests can renew their relationship with the wilderness and understand its fragile nature – hopefully leaving more committed toward ensuring those spaces remain for future generations.

*The Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on Tuesdays). For more information, to volunteer and/or join as a member to support this important local arts and nature institution, please visit [www.wildlingmuseum.org](http://www.wildlingmuseum.org).*