

spotlight

Hala Besmar, Syrian-American artist, aims to combine the two sides of herself—the Arab side and the side that has evolved from living in the US for twenty-two years—and she has done so in her recent art exhibit called *Radiant*.

The exhibit, held at the Grosse Pointe Artist Association, featured mainly paintings, but her diverse subjects and themes included peace, the Middle East, 3-D work, and calligraphy.

Nature is her biggest inspiration, she said, “You have to capture that special moment and just put it on paper.” Besmar also noted that she’s constantly trying to combine the Arab and non-Arab worlds,

stressing that she needed an Islamic section at the show because it’s such a big part of her.

The July 16 reception attracted people from over Metro Detroit, including the Syrian Consul General, Dr. Naji Arwashan, who came to support Besmar’s work. “The community—they are pleased. I just want to give more,” said Besmar, happy with the turnout.

The Grosse Pointe Artists’ Association is a nonprofit organization which aims to support art and culture in the community by offering exhibitions, classes, and lectures. For more information about the organization, call 313-821-1848.



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