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*News from Senator Bernie Sanders*

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## ***“Catching Chickens”***

### ***What interested/inspired you to become an artist? What does being an artist mean to you?***

I've always been fascinated by the beauty of Vermont and the seasons, even though I've lived here in Woodstock my whole life, and for me, art is about capturing that beauty. I'm a photographer, so most of my drawings are from my own photographs, but no photo or drawing can ever quite capture the beauty that the human eye can see. Still, my art is about coming as close as I can to that, and not only capturing moments, but capturing emotion. Good art, especially good photographs, make you feel something.

### ***Do you have any advice for other students and/or people of all ages who are thinking about getting involved in art?***

There is no wrong way to become an artist, and it really depends on what kind of art you want to make. If you are going for realism, it's all about really seeing things. Half of it is just learning to really look at what you are drawing, and not looking for what you expect to see, but what is actually there. The other half is looking at your own drawing, and seeing how it's different from your reference, then fixing it, over and over again.

### ***Can you tell us a bit about your piece and its meaning? What inspired you to create this work?***

Last year I did an independent study in realism, and creating pencil and charcoal portraits, and this was one of my pieces. I have a whole series similar to this one. This is a self portrait, copying a photo my mother took of me. I chose to draw this photo because not only was it a great memory, it also shows a bit of who I am.

### ***Why do you think art is important? For our communities, for individuals, for society etc.***

Art is incredibly important to our society, because, like writing, it's a great way to express ourselves. Humans have been making art since ancient times, not only to tell stories, but because some part of us craves beauty. We love symmetry and the geometry of nature, but we also just have the urge to create things.

### ***Art aside, what is one other way you like to spend your time?***

Outside of making art, I spend most of my time riding my horse, Radiance, and milking Jersey cows at my job.