

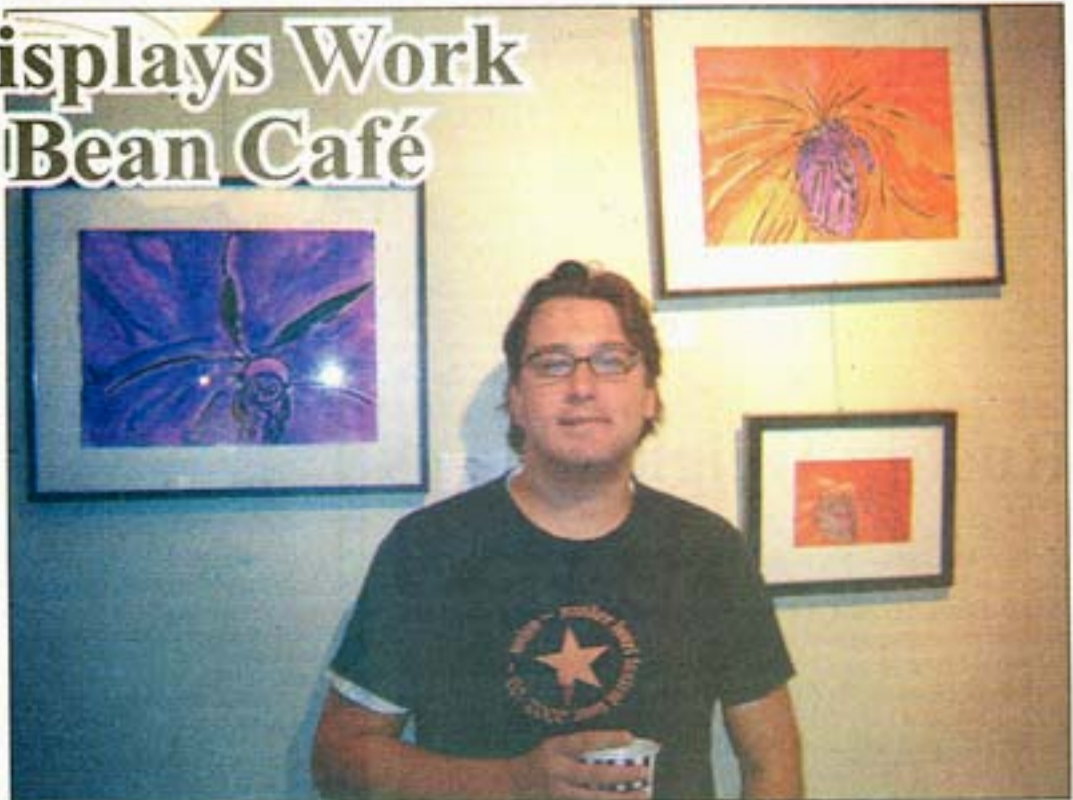
Artist Displays Work at Hard Bean Café

Joe Dimino's Photo. Paint is Featured as Artist of the Month

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The work of local artist Joe Dimino was recently placed on display for the Grandview public to enjoy. Last Sunday, there was an art opening and reception for him at the Hard Bean Café, 801 Main Street. From 2-5pm, the public could meet Dimino and discuss his art.

The pieces on display are mostly from a collection of his Photo.Paint work, a series he has been working with for the past year. Photo.Paint starts with an original photograph of a subject, from which a painted interpretation is rendered. Dimino's subjects run the gamut, from a man selling cotton candy, to Rome at nighttime, to trees reflected in a cup of coffee. For him, the focus isn't on reproduc-



Artist Joe Dimino displays his works at the Hard Bean Café on Main Street in Grandview. Pictured are Floral Five and Floral Twelve. (Photo by Nicole Higgins)

ing exact details, but on capturing the colors, shapes and textures of life through his own lens.

Dimino says he draws his inspiration from "the everydayness of everything—trying to pull the extraordinary out of the ordinary, everyday stuff."

His way of looking at art—at life—is meeting with growing success. From dabbling in art as a way to pass the time in the Liberty, Missouri basement of his childhood, Di-

mino is fast becoming a local favorite and is even sending his work out to New York.

He says the web has played a big part in getting his art seen. Websites like myart-space.com allow viewers to browse the work of many artists then vote on their favorite pieces. Dimino also has his own website, joedimino.com, which features a biography, upcoming show dates, and links to art pages on the web in addition to galleries of his own art.

Dimino sincerely believes there is something to be said for original artwork. In a time where anyone can purchase mass-produced pieces from any discount retailer, he encourages people to consider original art instead.

"It's fun and affordable. You also get a personality attached to it; that's the best part."

Dimino's art will be on display at the Hard Bean Café until August 10th.