

ARTWORK REFLECTING MYSELF

Everyone thinks there's something fascinating about himself that only they know. Here's your chance to let that unknown side of you not only show, but shine.

The project has several parts: one is photographic, one PhotoShop, and the third takes it into the three-dimensional realm.

First, let's outline the requirements of the project.

- **It must reflect or represent a side of you that may not be apparent to the casual observer.**
- **It may or may not contain a photograph of you.**
- **It MUST contain at least one photograph you have taken.**
- **The artwork does not end with the printed-out PhotoShop document this time (although that is a part of the project), but expands beyond the space of the print into three dimensions. Carrying through the theme/idea about yourself, you create a frame using materials that reflect the theme of your artwork.**

An example might be:

No one knows you have always had a rubber ducky share your bath with you. You take a photograph of your rubber ducky floating in the bathtub, and scan sequential age childhood photos of yourself. In PhotoShop, you collage the photos of your childhood selves into the water, so the rubber ducky seems to be floating on an ocean of you. Then you take four (or more) strips of wood (or an inexpensive unfinished wood frame), multiple real rubber duckies (purchased

at a thrift store or someplace cheap), and a hot glue gun. Then either create a frame out of the wood strips, or just use the unfinished frame as is. Using scissors (or another means of splitting the rubber duckies in half), slice them so they have a flat side that can be easily hot glued to the frame. Arrange the duckies in interesting patterns and assemble them onto the frame with hot glue. Maybe add a washcloth hanging down, or some other bath related item. Voila! A uniquely framed work of art.

Don't be afraid to create multiple PhotoShop images and combine them into a larger piece, or to create a frame that is a giant construction with a proportionately small PhotoShop piece somewhere in it.

This project breaks the boundaries of the printed page and treads in the area of sculpture or environmental art (you could make a shirt or a chair that contains your PhotoShop piece, as long as it is an obvious extension of the theme/idea behind your self-reflection.

Questions? Ask Ms. Mitchell at school or email her. mitchellda@guajome.net.