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Traveling Florida artist shows at Cedar Key



One of the artist's favorite works is seen in the center above.

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CEDAR KEY -- Nicholas Ringelstetter said he felt like he was a strange kid growing up.

Ringelstetter is one of the 120 artists who showed and sold art on Cedar Key this past weekend.

An introvert that covered his class work in endless doodles, this artist said he had two friends and was an outcast, but that didn't stop him from enjoying the little things in life. Ringelstetter said that when it comes to inspiration, he looks to Tim Burton, Dr. Seuss, Rat Fink and of course himself.

About eight years ago, Ringelstetter bought some paint to experiment and he fell in love with the work. He then proceeded to enter his work into an art show, and 13 out of the 16 works he entered were sold.

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Nicholas Ringelstetter (left) speaks with a visiting patron of the arts on Sunday in Cedar Key.



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This success sent him into an art frenzy. Ringelstetter decided that he wanted to enter art festivals in Florida. He applied on Zapp.com for any and all art festivals between February and April.

He was accepted into each one to which he had applied. So he packed his art supplies and traveled from Wisconsin to Fort Myers for his first art festival.

From Fort Myers, he has been making his way back up north -- from St. Petersburg to Cedar Key, and on Monday morning (yesterday, April 11) he was in Tallahassee for yet another event.

Ringelstetter's favorite piece that was on display Sunday (April 8) was a painting of sharks reaching out with human hands toward framed monkeys. Ringelstetter said this painting was inspired by *The Black Sails in The Sunset* album, which is written by *A Fire Inside* -- one of his favorite bands.

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