

Talk About It

What is art? Why do people make art?



Find out more
about art at
www.macmillanmh.com





WORLDS OF ART

Vocabulary

impossible
treasures
watch
talent
pleasant



Snow sculptures in Canada

Frozen Art

Does it seem **impossible** for a block of ice to become a work of art? Some artists make it happen. Using special tools, the sculptors make interesting figures and shapes out of ice.

Ice art is popular in many places around the world. In Harbin, China, nearly a million people attend the Ice Lantern Festival to see the ice sculptures. In Canada, people go to the Winter Carnival in Quebec. Here they can stay at a hotel made entirely of ice!

So the next time it snows, imagine what beautiful artistic **treasures** you could create. Practice hard and **watch** your sculpture come to life. You'll see a wonderful, one-of-a-kind piece of art!



A Chinese artist creates a bear out of ice.



People enjoy the ice slide at the Winter Carnival in Quebec, Canada.



Find out more about ice art at www.macmillanmh.com

Elephant Artists

Think only people can paint pictures? Think again!

In Thailand, two elephants named Boon Yang and Bird are artists. With paintbrushes clutched in their trunks, they create works of art. You might not think elephants have much **talent**, but these two are very capable artists. Their paintings sell for more than a thousand dollars each!

Boon Yang and Bird used to work with people clearing trees in forests. But the time came when their help was no longer needed. Two human artists wanted to find a **pleasant** way to keep the elephants busy. Now Boon Yang and Bird spend their time painting, which they seem to enjoy. Some of their paintings even hang in museums!



◀ Trainers encourage elephant artists Boon Yang and Bird to paint.



▲ This is one of the elephants' paintings.