

second street gallery

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DAVE MATTHEWS BAND GIVES BACK

SSG ACTIVITY BOOK

**ERIK BENSON AND
MELISSA COOKE-BENSON**

**Use this book to explore the artwork. Inside you'll find
games, drawing activities and things to think about!**

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Founded in 1973, Second Street Gallery is the oldest nonprofit (501(c)3) contemporary art space in Central Virginia.

ERIK BENSON


Erik Benson explores the idea of makeshift monuments you might see in your own city. A monument is a statue or other structure built to commemorate an important person or event. Erik uses a collage technique involving carefully cut dried paint which he composes into a scene.

If you were to make a monument, who or what would you dedicate it to? Draw your monument below!



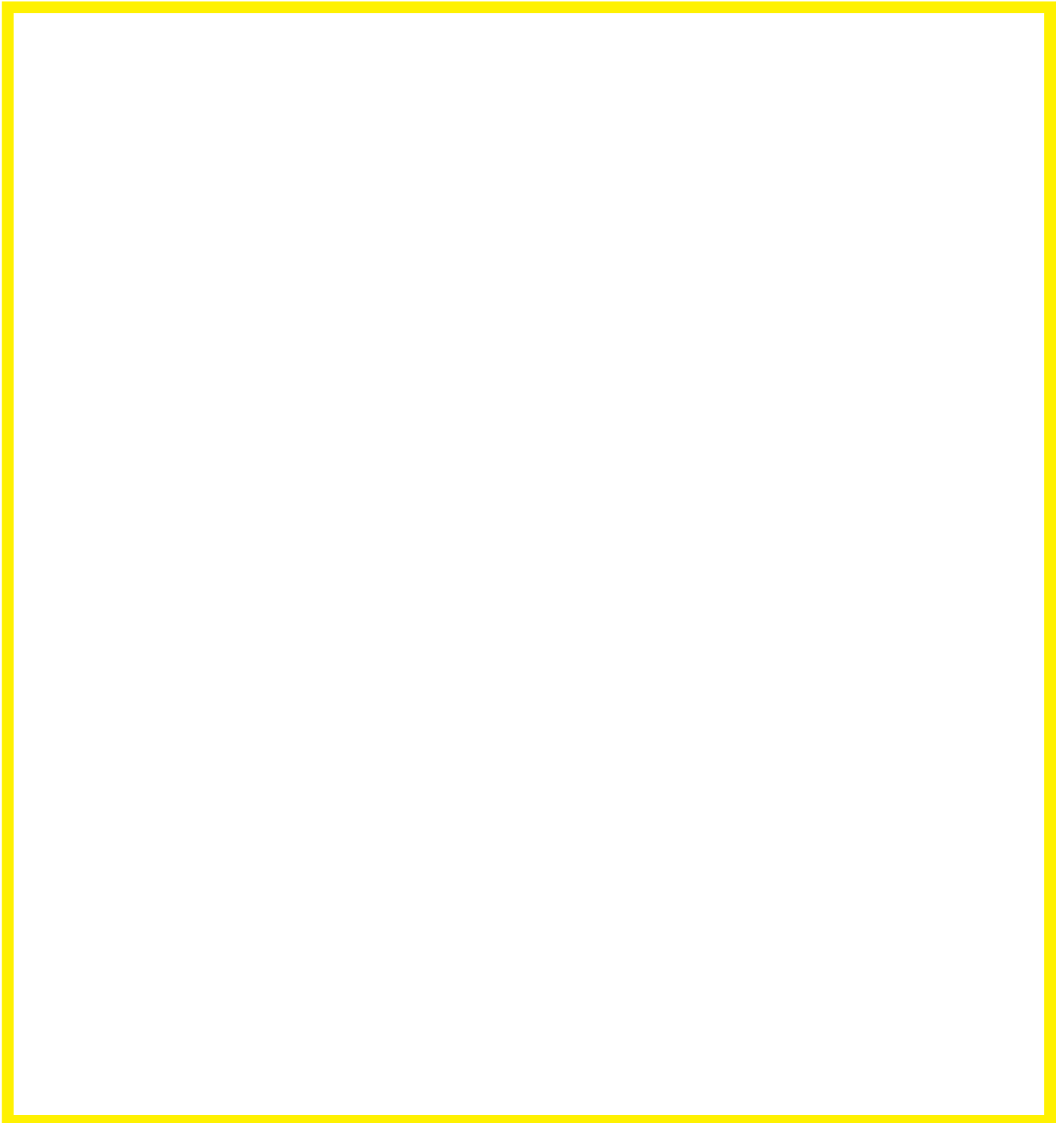
Thank you!

Who takes care of you? Write a letter to someone in your family thanking them for all they do for you.

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Local Landmarks

Erik loves to make city scenes in his work. Think about your own hometown- are there any special landmarks that make it feel unique? Draw as many as you can below!



MELISSA COOKE- BENSON

Melissa Cooke-Benson's art explores the messy awkward side of motherhood- as well as the joy and beauty. Melissa employs a unique technique in her work by using a dry brush to build up layers of graphite and using an eraser to make the details.

Do you have a memory from when you were very small? Draw it below.



Mom & Dad

What do you think the hardest part about being a parent would be?
Use pictures or words to describe it below.

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