Art show showcases Beatles devotion

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CALEXICO — Beatles fans of all ages arrived to celebrate the iconic band through memorabilia and art at the “Remember the Beatles” Art Show reception at the Calexico Cultural Arts Center Thursday night.

Calexico resident Vivian Garcia, 16, discovered the Beatles three years ago when a friend shared a song with her.

Now she owns all their albums, has a Beatles toothbrush and considers her Beatles T-shirts “too sacred to wear.”

“I love how they reflect what we all feel. They convey how I feel and people’s emotions so well,” she said. “I can relate to every song they have. Whether it’s raining, I’m sad or mad, in love, or feel like a loser.”

Fans as devoted as Garcia streamed into the art show to share their love of the band, listen to Beatles music and meet a John Lennon impersonator.

Many recalled viewing the band’s 1964 appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show.