

# Western Art, Fine Art On Exhibit At Fair

What a delight to see faces of young and old filled with anticipation, waiting to see if they are the winners. Over 1100 pieces were exhibited last year and are expected again this year. Cows, horses, rodeo scenes as well as flowers and landscapes will fill the Fine Art and Home Economics building during the fair.

The Western Art and Fine Art exhibitions and judging began in 1979. They were started to showcase the art in our community. County Fairs focus on many areas and the arts are an area which allows people who cannot participate in agriculture or livestock, to be involved in the fair. The Western Art division is for children of school age who live in Colorado County. The Fine Art division is for anyone of any age living in Colorado County.

In the Western Art division the rules and guidelines are similar to those of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art program from which our program was patterned. All school districts in Colorado County are invited to submit entries. Entries must be "western" in theme. They must simply bring their entries to the designated area on the designated day. These dates and locations are listed in the official Colorado County Fair catalog available at many locations in the county. In some cases a pre-entry card must be turned in. Each Western Art entry is awarded a blue, red or white ribbon. From each of the 3 divisions (elementary, junior high, and high school) a large best of show and reserve best of show rosette ribbon will be awarded. In addition several finalist rosette rib-

bons will be awarded depending on the number of entries. If your school is not involved talk to your teacher about participation or enter as an individual. See the fair catalog.

The Fine Art division is open to all ages. Artwork covering any subject is accepted, unlike the western art division, which accepts art of a "western" subject only. A pre-entry card must be turned in. Please see the fair catalog for details.

If you have any questions call Rita Ruffeno at 979-732-3223 or Carolyn Walla at 979-732-3832 for additional information.



## Pet Show

One event which draws more entries every year is the Children's Pet Show. The show is open to county residents between the ages of 3 and 14. Pets of all kinds may be entered, from common tabbys and mutts to pedigreed cats and dogs. There is also a category for the unusual, such as frogs, armadillos and pigs.

The 2003 show will be held on Sunday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m. No pre-registration is required, but children and their pets should arrive at 2:30 p.m. to "sign-up" for the event under the entertainment tent.

Additional rules and information are available in the Fair Catalogue, or by calling Pet Show Chairman Trudi Stavinoha at 732-8259.



Madison Mau, 3 year -old-daughter of John and Karolyn Mau of Columbus, shows off her red ribbon won by her pair of hermit crabs "Cinderella" and "Snow White" at the 2002 Pet Show.



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