

## Western, Fine Art exhibits

What a delight to see faces of young and old filled with anticipation, waiting to see if they are the winners. Over 1,100 pieces were exhibited last year and are expected again this year. Cows, horses, rodeo scenes as well as flowers and landscapes will fill the Exhibit Hall 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 is 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. Each Western Art entry is awarded a blue, red or white ribbon. From each of the three divisions (elementary, junior high and high school) a best of show and reserve best of show rosette ribbon will be awarded. In addition several finalist rosette ribbons 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 Arts 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 Melissa Kilpatrick at 979-732-8781 for additional information.



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