

Entries sought for 7th Annual P.C. Art Show March 26-29

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The annual Phillips County Art Show and Sale will be held Thursday-Sunday, March 26-29 at the Holyoke High School Commons, 545 East Hale Street. The show will feature the work of regional artists of Colorado and Nebraska.

This is the seventh year the art show is being sponsored by the Phillips County Arts Council. Area artists, from beginners to professionals, and students are encouraged to enter their work.

Artwork can be entered on Thursday, March 26 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Accepted media will be acrylic, china painting, creative stitchery, collage, colored pencil, drawings, fibers, hand-thrown ceramics and pottery, jewelry, mixed media, oil, pastels, pen and ink, pencil, photography-traditional, photography-enhanced, scratch art, sculpture, stained glass, tole painting, watercolor, weaving and wood carving.

Judging will take place on Friday morning, March 27, and an oral critique will be offered from 1:30–3 p.m. The show will open for public viewing on Friday from 3–10 p.m., Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m.–10 p.m. and on Sunday, March 29 from 1–4 p.m. Many art pieces are available for purchase and we encourage the public to visit the show and appreciate the work of our area artists.

PCAC is pleased to announce this year's entries will be judged by Norma Stevens of McCook, Neb. Her preferred medium for her art expression is watercolor, for its brilliance, clarity and transparency. Her preferred subject matter are landscapes, florals, still life and the unexpected opportunities.

Stevens participates in art festivals and exhibits and, most recently, had paintings accepted into the Great 8 State Watercolor Exhibition in Wichita, Kan. and the upcoming Wings over the Platte at the Stuhr Museum in Grand Island, Neb. She has had paintings accepted in the Midwest Watercolor Society and the Kentucky Watercolor Society.

Joyce May of Sterling will judge this year's student entries. She studied ceramics at Northeastern Junior College under Joe Shaw in the late 1970's and began teaching at NJC in 1985. She remains head of the ceramics program there.

Her work is a never-ending evolving process. She prefers raku but she works with horsehair, naked raku and saggar firing techniques as well as functional stoneware pieces. Her other media interests include printmaking and stained glass studying under Larry Prestwich, David Roholt and Peter Youngers.

May has won numerous regional and several national awards. Her work is represented in private collections across the U.S., Europe and Japan. She currently exhibits in the Fiberspace Gallery in Sterling. She will be offering a student critique on Friday at 1:30 p.m.

For the first time, the art show will conclude on Sunday, March 29 with a painting demonstration by area artists from 1-3 p.m. Local artists will create original works in the media of their choice while you watch. This event is a unique opportunity to observe the process by which art pieces are produced.

For more information on the art show, please contact Teresa Mailander at 970-854-3327 or Nancy Dee at 970-774-4747.