



MARVELOUS MOSAICS – A sampling of the cut-and-paste mosaics produced by fifth graders at St. Egbert's School. Works of art from the creative minds of students in the kindergarten through fifth grade at St. Egbert's were recently on display at Bogue Banks Library.

Young Impressionists St. Egbert's Style

By Dick Reeves

Any one fortunate enough to have viewed the St. Egbert's K-through-5 art exhibit at the Bogue Banks Library in February knows that they were treated to a truly extraordinary display of five-to-eleven year old talent. For those who missed it, mark your calendars for February 2006.

The library staff says it is by far the most popular exhibit of the many they host each year. Lesley Ferguson, principal, and Kathleen Ford-Green, art teacher at St. Egbert's, are justly proud of the creativity displayed in the accompanying photos. Bogue Banks is represented at St. Egbert's by three children from PKS and eight from Atlantic Beach and Emerald Isle.

If Mrs. Ferguson and Ms. Ford-Green are typical of the faculty, then St. Egbert's has to be one of the best schools in the area. As Ms. Ford-Green puts it, "It is a joy to work with these eager young children. Their enthusiasm and talent is demonstrably apparent in their work. I used to take some of their crude drawings home to try to finish them and I soon learned that all I did was spoil the spontaneous love of expression abundantly apparent in their God-given talent. It was I who learned the *joie d' vivre* of uninhibited

creativity expressed in the hands and hearts of these very young children."

The art itself is based on a number of classic children's books by Dr. Seuss, Eric Carl, Catherine Cowan, Mark Beashner, Lois Ehlert, Ezra Jack Keats, Debi Chaghri and Paul Gable.

One panel, One Fish, Two Fish, with love to the late Dr. Seuss, was created by the kindergarten class. Snowmen and Snowflakes is the work of the first-grade class, while Imaginary Creatures is the product of the second-grade class.

The third grade class produced the designs for fabric and Continual Line Drawings at Play With Modern Art is the work of the fourth grade class.

Last, and perhaps best, are The Tiles produced by the fifth grade, easily recognized as imitations of the most-famous works of Monet, Renoir and other impressionists.

I, for one, would be proud and happy to frame and display any and all of these works and I am told that Dr. Cader has many of them framed in his 36th Street, Morehead City, office. I hope that St. Egbert's saves and preserves all of these treasures. They are well worth it.

The April Flower Show

The Annual Flower Show presented by The New Bern Garden Club, The River Bend Garden Club and The Trent Woods Garden Club, "Let's Celebrate the Arts" will be held at The Bank of the Arts on Friday, April 29 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 317 Middle Street, New Bern. The show is opened free to the public and is the first time it will be held at the Bank of the Arts and in the Spring! There will be over 36 floral designs, many by award winning designers, and 36 different classes of horticulture entries. Anyone can enter! Come see our beautiful Spring flowers and plants! Any questions or for entry forms, call Paula Hartman, Flower Show Chairman at 636-0101.

"I Know Why"

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle.

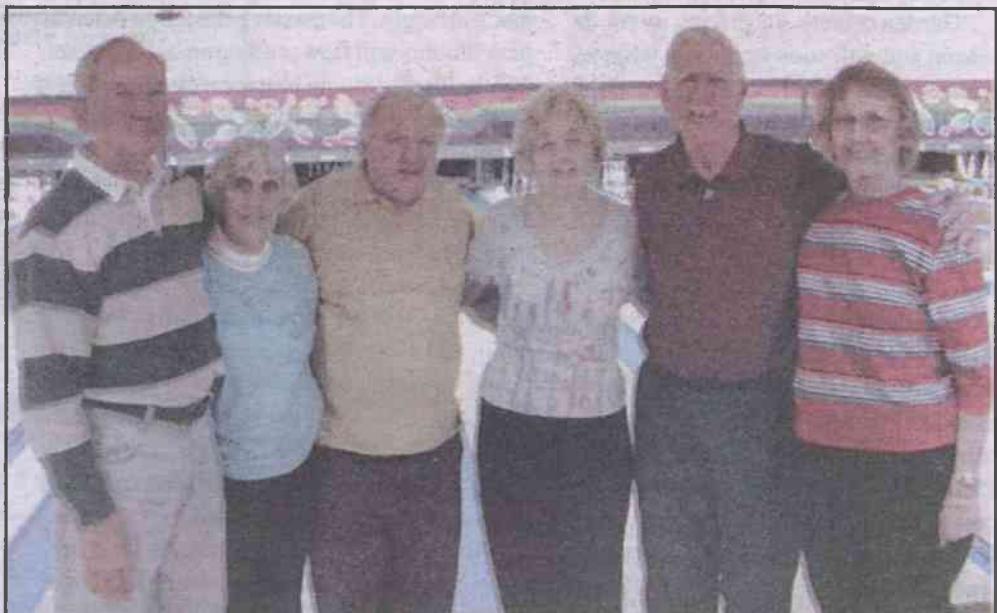
I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt Shane could learn something from the experience.

The next day I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last

time, I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why." Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me – I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "Everybody is born so that they can learn how to live a good life, like loving everybody and being nice, right?" The four-year-old continued. "Well, dogs already know how to do that so they don't have to stay as long."



AND THE WINNERS ARE – The BBnL team of Bob Slater, Lib Fleming and Bill White (the three on the left) took the championship as the Ancient Mariners brought their 2004-2005 season to a close with a roll-off March 21. The BBnLers, who won the first half of the season, bested the Terrible Three team of Sheila Doyle, Jay Nagle and Ruth Whitney (on the right) by 30 pins in the three game roll-off. The Terrible Three led the league in the second half of the season. Awards were presented the following night at the Mariners' annual banquet.