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TWO PORTRAITS frame Patricia Stratton, Sandhills artist, in a corner of her current exhibition at the Library Art Gallery. Both recent works, they depict Mrs. Wendy Burden Sohler of McLeans, Va., and the artist's nephew, Donald Herring Grant III, of Altadena, Calif. (Pilot Staff Photo)

Striking New Portraits Seen In Patricia Stratton Exhibit

Patricia Herring Stratton's spring art exhibit has become something of a fixture here in the Sandhills—an event to be savored in anticipation as well as realization for those who know her work, and a fresh and rewarding experience for new viewers.

Her current show, now on display for two weeks at the Library Art Gallery, is almost entirely new to her Sandhills audience. While several horse and dog portraits, for which she has achieved national eminence, are included, the exhibit is heavily weighted on the side of human portraiture, which holds an equal claim on her interest and apparently, these days, even more of her time.

Small and selective, the exhibit contains only eight or ten oil paintings, and a showing of the graceful and witty Christmas cards which have become an interesting sideline of this versatile artist.

Dominating the show is the striking portrait of a very lovely young woman, Mrs. Wendy Burden Sohler of McLeans, Va., granddaughter of Ernest White, well-known visitor for many years. Slender, spirituelle, with pearly skin tones glowing against the formality of a black lace gown, the young woman faces life with a questioning expression.

Equestrian Portraits
Of particular interest here are two equestrian portraits, one of the late Col. G. P. Hawes, Jr., on his favorite mount, Burke, part Arab and, like the Colonel, an old cavalry hand; the other of Southern Pines' Mrs. W. O. Moss on her Lunter, Dark Victory. Colonel Hawes' portrait includes several of the Sunnybank colliers of his cousin Albert Payson Terhune, which he bred for a time at his Pinehurst kennels.

Mrs. Moss' picture shows four hounds of the Moore County pack.

An unusual picture of Mrs. John W. Hanes' great mare Devilkin at the Saratoga track shows some traits peculiarly Mrs. Stratton's own. She has a way of making a portrait more than that. Instead of being suspended in time and space, they have definite attributes of place, time of year and time of day. This painting of a fine horse being rubbed down after exercise, her stripper and exercise jockey in attendance, is full of August morning. It is also full of the casual life of the stableyard—chickens roaming about, a puppy playing.

Expressive, appealing and warm is Mrs. Stratton's portrait of her five-year old nephew, Donald Herring Grant III, of Altadena, Calif. No less so is that of a lady several generations removed, the gentle and smiling mother of Mrs. D. W. Winkelman and Mrs. Lee Powers, of Southern Pines.

Fun and Fantasy
The artist who spent much of her girlhood in Southern Pines, with riding and hunting then her main occupations, is now illustrating a book of hunting anecdotes by the late Captain Adamthwaite soon to be published. The pen-and-ink drawings combine her skill in depicting horses and hounds with the fun and fantasy which are continually cropping up in her work, the outpourings of a lively imagination. Even when she is painting exclusively from photographs—and sometimes this is necessary, though she prefers at least some time with the living subject—this quality gives her work life and dimension. She is realistic, but not earthbound.

Patricia—"Pat"—Stratton and

Club Thanked For School Planting

A. C. Dawson, superintendent of schools, this week expressed appreciation, on behalf of school officials, for the Southern Pines garden club's planting of shrubbery around the "Phase A" unit of the new high school which went into use last fall. Grass around the building has been planted by the school.

He said that compliments on the appearance of the grounds have been received from both local residents and out-of-town visitors. The club, he recalled, had previously planted shrubbery at the elementary school and, last year, at the West Southern Pines gymnasium.

"We want to publicly acknowledge the Garden Club's work and thank members for it," Mr. Dawson said.

Small fruits and berries should have a place in every home garden because they adapt themselves to the usual methods of garden culture and they come into production so soon after planting. Of these the dewberry is one of the easiest to grow. It will succeed on any type of soil and, although it responds to fertilization, does not require a great deal of care along that line. Plants may still be set in most parts of the state.

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Annual Picquet Music Contest Slated April 15

Friday, April 15, has been set for the annual Picquet Music Contest as sponsored by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, according to an announcement by T. Roy Phillips, chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee. The contest will be held in Weaver Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Five school glee clubs have indicated their intention of participating in the 1955 contest, Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Carthage and Robbins. Each of the other schools in the county have been contacted and it is hoped that additional entries will be registered.

A large cup is provided by the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and permanent possession of the cup is attained by the winning of three annual contests. The winner last year was Aberdeen High School and the winner for 1953 was Carthage High School.

A. G. Edwards Presented Award

A. G. Edwards, Seaboard Air Line Railroad ticket agent at Southern Pines, has been presented a certificate of merit by C. I. Morton of Raleigh, division superintendent, for attainment of a perfect record in personal injury prevention for the year 1954.

Thirteen officers of the division, including Mr. Edwards, received certificates. Of them, Mr. Morton said: "We know that good safety records do not just happen and certainly the perfect record made by these officers required a great deal of work on their part. No doubt the employees under their jurisdiction appreciate the keen interest in their welfare and it certainly gives us a distinct pleasure in presenting each of them with a certificate of merit for this outstanding service. We thank each and every employee for his fine cooperation and assistance in bringing about this award."