

AT SHOWING - Left to right: Steven Greenway. Harvey Hamrick, Mrs. Lawrence Patrick, Mrs. Hugh Wall, Ford McDaondl and Mrs. Ragan Harper — artists

and directors of the Shelby Art League at KM Depot Center art show preview.

Art Show Starts With A Bang

By TOM McINTYRE Editor, Mirror-Herald

About 100 Kings Mountians came to the depot center last Thursday night for a special preview of a traveling art exhibit sponsored by the Shelby Art League. The exhibit opened last

Friday with free admission to the public. The exhibit continues through Thurs ... July 7 from 2-5:80 p. m. at the depot center before being moved to Gardner-Webb College for 10 days. After that the exhibit will go to Lawndale for 10 days.

Mrs. Mary Helen (Mrs. Lawrence) Patrick, a board of directors member of the Shelby Art League from Kings Mountain, and her husband served as host-hostess for the preview party last Thursday.

Attending also were Mrs. Diane Harper of Kings Mountain, Ford McDonald and Steven Greenway of Shelby, all artists with work represented in the traveling art show. Harvey Hamrick president of the Shelby Art League, and Mrs. Hugh Wall, of Shelby, a director, were also present to greet the guests.

Other Kings Mountain area artists represented in the show are Karen Trout, Matoka Campbell, Mrs. Patrick and Martha Scruggs.

The show contains 40 leces of art selected from 81 pieces submitted for judging. Edmund Lewandowski, chairman of the Winthrop College Art Department, selected the

Besides the 40 show pieces, Lewandowski also selected nine honorable mention works which he "are excellent enough to stand up in any art show in the country.

Lewandowski said he was impressed with the number of artists in Cleveland County and with the quality of their work.

The current exhibit contains works from a variety of medias, oil, watercolor, crowquill and ink, tempera, pencil and acrylic. There are also pieces of pottery, woven fabric, and stained glass. Mrs. Patrick's show

leces consists of two oil paintings, one of Col.

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ABOVE - Mrs. Lawrence Patrick with her oil paintings of Col. Frederick

BELOW - Dr. and Mrs. Philip Padgett admire one of the paintings on display



Patterson.

"I am descended from Col. Hambright on both my mother and father's side of the family," Mrs. Patrick said. "I am also a descendant of E. Arthur music, writings, sculpture. Patterson."

Done in the style of the eras in which the two men lived, the portraits depict stern men. Hambright fought for the Americans in the Revolutionary War and Patterson for the Confederacy during The Civil War.

"The description of Hambright are pretty well documented," Mrs. Patrick said, "but for Patterson I had to rely solely on my own imagination. The portrait is how I visualise the man because there are not family records to give me a clue to his description."

Mrs. Patrick who is serving her second year on the Shelby Art League board, said, "This is the first time the league has sponsored a showing outside of Shelby and so far it has been extremely successful. The league began putting the show together around the first of June."

Harvey Hamrick said the show lasts six weeks from its opening in Shelby to its closing in Lawndale. "This is one of the best shows we've had in the three years the Shelby Art

Frederick Hambright, the League has been in the opportunity to "From the beginning it has been our aim to expose the entire county to the arts and the local artists. In future shows we hope to embrace all of the arts,

"particularly appreciates in Kings Mountain.

develop."

show and really look forward to future shows together."

He said that last Thursday's preview at the depot center drew more people than the opening in It just takes time to Shelby two weeks ago

This exhibit is the first. Hanirick said the league as such, art show ever held



TIME OUT - Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Patrick and Hamrick, directors and president of the Shelby Art League, meet at punch bowl to compare notes on show's success.

