

ART



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Pat Edwards, whose series on the textile industry will be displayed in the Kings Mountain Historical Museum, holds a painting on scale which she said was from Kings Mountain.

Textiles art display set at KM Historical Museum

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Pat Edwards interest in Cleveland County's textile history did not start in a mill. "I got started with it from something entirely different," Edwards said.

Edwards had the idea during a recent trip to Chimney Rock, where she used to go camping with her children.

On that trip, she took a picture of her daughter laying on a rock.

"There was a flood that came through probably four years ago," Edwards said. "Those huge boulders were moved, and just tumbled down to the river bed. It just amazed me because I didn't think anything that huge could be moved."

The paintings will be displayed May 5-May 26 at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum, with the opening reception May 6.

The show, "Images of Strings and Rags," will detail a series of paintings in watercolor, pastel and collage techniques focusing on Cleveland County's historic, economic ties with the textile industry.

She said she started to think about her grandparents, who both worked in mills, and the importance of the mills to people in Cleveland County.

To help finance the paintings, Edwards received a grant for approximately \$586 from the Arts and Science Council in Charlotte for supplies.

She said she liked painting the buildings, not the people associated with them.

"The people have been the hardest for me because of the personal attachment," Edwards said. "I've enjoyed doing the buildings and things that are less personal about them, but when I got to the people I couldn't do them as well. There was so much personal attachment to them."

Edwards said this was her first art show with a grant; she had one previously at Cleveland Community College. Art is not the only activity in Edwards' life though. She has a part-time job and a family.

Edwards said she started in high school. "I liked the classes I had when we used to live in South Carolina," she said. "Then when I moved up here they didn't have one. Then my senior year they had one, and I really liked it."

Edwards, who finished high school at Burns, said her art was put to the side when she married and had children.

But motherhood didn't keep her from a paintbrush for long. When her children were older she started painting again.

Finding time to paint can be difficult.

"I have five grandchildren now," Edwards said. "Spending time with them, and then my part-time job, and family, it's sporadic."

Taking advantage of early morning and late night hours

has yielded some time to paint, Edwards said.

Those are not the only times she paints though.

"That's one reason why I like my workshops so well," Edwards said. "It's a week of just intense painting time."

Influences, as well as painting time, are a couple of things Edwards has found at the workshops.

She said the instructors at the workshops, held near Myrtle Beach, S.C., have helped her learn new techniques as well as strengthened ones she already practices.

Although the workshops have been helpful, Edwards said she has found influences right here in Cleveland County. "A. B. Snow is one of them. She's the one who got me started going to workshops," Edwards said. "She's the one who kind of pushes me and leads me along in new directions and helps me improve in old directions."

Artist competition set

The Cleveland County Arts Council will be holding its Artists Competition, with a \$2,050 award for the winner.

All entries must be delivered to the Arts Center, 111 South Washington Street on Monday May 14 from 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. Artists must reside in Cleveland County.

A reception and presentation will be held on Tuesday, May 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The exhibit will be open to the public May 22-June 14 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Entries will be limited to original paintings, drawings, sculpture, print making and fine craft

which have been completed in the past two years and have not been previously entered in a competition at the Arts Center.

All entries must be suitably mounted and prepared for hanging; framing with picture wire on the back is preferable. The non-refundable entry fee is \$20.

The judge for this year's competition is Gary Nemcosky, Associate Professor of Art at Appalachian State University in Boone.

Nemcosky studied painting and drawing at West Virginia University and received his BFA in 1982. He also studied

the same subjects under Paul Hartley at East Carolina University, where he received his MFA in 1985.

After teaching part-time at ECU, Nemcosky moved to Cincinnati and worked as an assistant manager of a gallery until he went back to school and studied Art History at the University of Cincinnati. He then moved to Boone. He has exhibited his paintings and drawings in numerous competitions and in solo shows across the U.S. since the mid-eighties.

For more information about the competition or to receive a prospectus call the Arts Council at 484-2787.

Art summer camp planned

The Cleveland County Arts Center will host its annual summer camp for students this summer. There will be two classes taught in Kings Mountain, one in Casar, and the others at the Arts Center, 111 S. Washington St., Shelby.

Those who register before May 15 will receive a free t-shirt.

Classes in Kings Mountain include:

June 4-8 - Here's Looking at You, \$50. Taught by Sherry Bingham at KM High. Concentrate on the face pot, and create face mugs from clay. Students will receive motivation from an interactive CD which allows them to meet master potters and visit Jugtown, a real pottery community in North Carolina. Due to drying and firing time, students will need to pick up their mugs at a time to be announced later.

June 4-8 - Eye Spy, \$45. Same times.

June 4-8 - Get Fired Up, \$65. Rising 9-12 grades, 4-7 p.m.

June 11-15 - Puppets, \$45. Rising 1-4 grades 9:30-11:30; ris-

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July 9-13, Clay Creations, \$50, taught by Anne Mauney at KM Middle School. Pinching, coiling, slab work, slip casting, sculpting with clay, learning handbuilding techniques.

Students will produce piggybanks, hanging mobiles, design and make houses with porches, sculpt nerd heads, make rattles and whistles that really work, and more. Rising 1-4 grades 9:30-11:30, rising 5-8 grades 1-3 p.m.

The following classes are scheduled at the Arts Center: June 4-8, Clay Play, \$50. Rising 1-4 grades 9:30-11:30, rising 5-8 1-3 p.m.

June 4-8, Eye Spy, \$45. Same times.

June 4-8 - Get Fired Up, \$65. Rising 9-12 grades, 4-7 p.m.

June 11-15 - Puppets, \$45. Rising 1-4 grades 9:30-11:30; ris-

ing 5-8, 1-3 p.m.

June 11-15, Clay Play 2, \$50, same time.

June 11-15, Get Fired Up 2, \$75. Rising 9-12 grades 4-7 p.m.

June 18-22, Tile the Morning Comes, \$45. Rising 1-4, 9:30-11:30; rising 5-8, 1-3 p.m.

June 25-29 - Near and Far, \$75. Rising k-4 grades, 9-12 noon.

June 25-29 Weaving Pandora's Box, \$50. Rising 5-8, 1-3 p.m.

June 25-29, Get Warped, \$65. Rising 9-12, 4-7 p.m.

The class, Art Fun in the Sun, costing \$45, will be held June 11-15 at Casar Elementary.

Rising 1-4, 9:30-11:30; rising 5-8, 1-3 p.m.

For more information call the Arts Council at 484-2787.

Student winners selected

Winners of the Cleveland County Student Art Competition were announced Thursday at a reception at the Arts Center in Shelby. Over 400 children, parents and teachers attended.

The Myra Ware McNeely Best of Show Award went to Anna Harkey, a senior at Shelby High School, for her "Reyes de Copar."

Several students from Kings Mountain schools were among the winners.

Amy Montgomery, a junior at KMMS, won second place in mixed media.

Alisha Weaver, seventh grader at KM Middle, won third place in drawing and Jessica Brown, an eighth grader at KMMS, won the merit award. Charlene Turner, eighth grad-

er at KMMS, was first place in 3-D, and Brittany Brafford, a sixth grader at KMMS, was second place.

Catherine Logan, sixth grader at KMMS, won the merit award in mixed media.

In the elementary division, Tyler Ross and Jaira Gordon of North School and Alex Plonk and Chris Heffner of West School won merit awards.

Cookin' With Gus opens Friday at Cleveland CC

Cookin' with Gus will be presented May 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. and May 6 at 2:30 p.m. at Cleveland Community College.

The hilarious comedy has been described as "Martha Stewart meets Lucille Ball." It is directed by Crest High drama

instructor Rebecca Reger. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors/students. Advance tickets are available for \$6 and \$4 through May 4 at the Cleveland County Arts Council.

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