

Thedford Art Guild Hosts Annual Open Art Show



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The Thedford Art Guild is hosting its annual Open Show where art, photos and 3D entries are judged separately. The first three places received monetary gifts, while the “Best of Show” winner, Roberta Barnes of Halsey received \$100 for her oil painting, “Cool of a Mountain Stream.”

The show is a fundraiser for the Thedford Art Gallery, the oldest gallery in central Nebraska. Forty-five pieces of art by the adults and two from the youth were judged by Daniel Garringer. His Seven Hills Studio is in Kearney. Sponsors contributing to the success of this annual show, that has been going on during the Thomas County Fair for over 30 years, include Herb & Lori Hall, Western

Nebraska Bank, Consolidated Telephone, Crossroads Auto Repair Specialists (CARS), Security 1st Bank, Thedford Lumber and Supply, Ewoldt’s Grocery, Call’s Garage Inc. and Anthem Coffee which awarded the 3rd place winners with a gift card.

Art winners were:

First and second place went to Amy Simonson, Dunning for her paintings, “Shadow on Good Memories” and “Ready to Rope,” respectively. Besides “Best of Show,” Roberta Barnes, Halsey, also won third for her other oil painting entitled, “Summer Breeze.”

Photography winners were:

First: Megan Licking, “Snot Today.”

Second & Third: Bridget Licking, “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” and “Freedom.”

3-D winners were:

Fay Ann Blaylock, Falls City, for her three fabric chickens entitled “Besties.” Second went to Amy Simonson with her pottery case, “Chicken Coop,” and third went to Linda Lacy, Ashby, for her clay ‘painting,’ “Stagecoach West.”

Youth winners were Ramona, 7-year-old granddaughter of Fay Ann Blaylock, for her 3D “Just Birding,” and Grady Licking, son of Bridget Licking for his acrylic painting of cows entitled, “Friends.”

This show is up until after the Thomas County Fair which begins next week.

Thedford Art Guild is a 501c3 and relies on volunteers to keep the door open to visitors. Any contributions may be sent to Thedford Art Guild, P.O. Box 23, Thedford, NE 69166. All donations are greatly appreciated.



Megan Licking’s photo, “Snot Today,” above left, was the winner in the photography contest. Fay Ann Blaylock, Falls City, was the 3-D winner with her fabric chickens entitled, “Besties.”

Thedford Volunteer Rescue Squad Quilt Raffle



The Thedford Volunteer Rescue Squad is raising funds to purchase a new four-wheel-drive ambulance. The current ambulance is 24-years-old.

The TVRS is currently conducting a quilt raffle for a twin size flag quilt with the drawing to be held during the soup supper set for November 11, 2023.

Tickets are one for \$10.00 or three for \$20.00.

For more information about the raffle or to purchase tickets you may contact Loren Eaton at 402-522-0579; Shirley Hanna at 308-748-2253; Brenda Corbin at 308-645-7274; or any TVRS member.

Tickets may be purchased online at <https://thedfordvolrescue.betterworld.org>. Fees apply.

Village Installs New Fire Hydrants



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Wirz Book Signing In Dunning

Bob Wirz will be in Dunning on Tuesday, August 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Sandhills Heritage Museum, 416 Jewett Ave. He will be signing his book “My Nebraska” which is the story of his life growing up in the Sandhills of Nebraska

The Village of Thedford recently installed three new fire hydrants with a generous grant from the Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, Bob and Susan Childers Fund - Thomas County. The three new fire hydrants replace existing hydrants that were leaking. Terry Higgins, Village of Thedford’s maintenance man, stated the shut off valve was not functioning and the hydrants could not be shut off. When Terry tried to repair the fire hydrants he found the hydrants were obsolete, due to their age, and parts were unavailable.