

Visual Art Fair Helpful Hints for Students

I. Original Art Work Only:

- A. Each entry must be an **ORIGINAL** work of art. Works made from **kits** will **not** be judged! A kit includes directions and materials and does not allow you to make decisions. An example of a kit is a model set purchased in a box that includes directions and all the pieces necessary.
- B. **Patterns** may be used and **Must** be attached to the judging card; without the pattern attached it won't be judged. A pattern includes directions, but you are responsible for choosing and acquiring materials.
- C. Exact Copies of photos, pictures and other previously published materials are not considered original works of art and are against Copyright Laws. If you use pictures by other people, change them so they look different.
- D. **NO CARTOONS** will be accepted.

II. Group Projects

- A. Have some fun with family and friends. You may work in a group of 2 to 4 friends, or one family member.
- B. Group projects must follow same guidelines and will be judged the same way as individual projects. However, judges will expect more from a group than an individual.

III. Judging Cards

- A. **MUST** attach the card to your work(s) of art. Stapled, tied, taped, etc; as long as it is on the piece.
- B. Works without a card will **NOT** be judged.

IV. Presentation

- A. Two-Dimensional pieces **MUST** be matted with poster board, mat board or other heavy paper. Construction paper is not heavy enough. The mat itself may be decorated. Works not matted will **NOT** be judged.
- B. The cut opening should be smaller than your artwork to allow for overlapping.

V. JUDGING

- A. Judging the Artwork
 1. Artwork will be judged Saturday, January 26th by a panel of qualified judges.
 2. All eligible entries will receive a rating of Superior, Good, or Fair and a brief written critique on the judging card.
 3. The purpose of this critique is to provide beneficial evaluation, and help the artist grow and improve.
 4. Students will also receive a certificate and ribbon for all eligible entries.
- B. Special Awards
 1. The judges will select some projects for special awards called: "The Judges Choice Award"
 2. These are often projects that show exceptional technique or creativity, and will get a prize.