

TOWN and COUNTRY

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FOUR LOCAL ARTISTS CHOSEN TO SHOW AT THE B.C. FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The B.C. Festival of the Arts Juried Show of Images and Objects IX was held recently at Fort Nelson, B.C. Of the 30 plus entries from the South Peace area, only four local artists had their work chosen to be shown at the B.C. Festival of the Arts being held in North Vancouver, May 22 to 26, 1991.

Lawrence McGillvray's photo of a lightning storm in the Dawson Creek area was chosen in the photography class. This photo is entitled "It's a Different Night". Lawrence has exhibited at various shows over the years and in 1990 his photographs placed first in two classes at the Klondike Days Show in Edmonton. Lawrence is a self-taught photographer who gives much encouragement to amateur photographers whose work shows talent and promise.

Emily Mattson's impressive oil painting of her husband preparing a hide to cover a calf was chosen and is entitled "Grafting a Calf". Emily has a workshop which is detached from her home and she is busy preparing for her second combined showing with brother-in-law, Don Mattson.

Don Mattson's water colour painting of objects of the early days - washtub, scrub board and folding bench was chosen. This work is entitled "The Wash Bench". Don and Emily had a combined show at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery in 1990. At the present time Don is

working on a series depicting the life style of the early years and preparing for a second combined show with sister-in-law, Emily in 1992.

Lillian York's acrylic painting entitled "Harvest Over" depicting a combined grain field with granaries in the background was also chosen to be shown at the B.C. Festival of the Arts in North Vancouver. In 1981, Lillian was chosen 'Artist of the Year'. In 1988, 1989, and 1990 she exhibited with the 'Group of 4' show at our local gallery.

It is interesting to note that three of the four artists are from the Rolla area; Emily, Don and Lillian all reside near Rolla. And, this is the second consecutive year these three artists have had their works chosen at the Juried Show, later to be exhibited at the B.C. Festival of the Arts in North Vancouver.

The Juried Show works chosen to be shown at the B.C. Festival of the Arts will be on display at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery during the last two weeks of March. The public is invited to attend the opening on March 17th between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the artists who will be representing our area at the B.C. Festival of the Arts.

During the five day festival in North Vancouver, these artists will have the opportunity to view plays, dance and music concerts. They will also attend an extensive series of workshops.

Congratulations to all four artists, we are proud to have you and your art represent our area.