Harrison 'gallery' shows well

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. Who needs to go to a museum? Just make your own. Harrison High School students did just that, recently unveiling a 'Museum of Artifacts' featuring displays on everything from baroque art to Van Gogh to angels. All classrooms were invited to check out the 13 minimuseums Friday, April 23. "They made a museum from scratch," said Harrison humanities teacher Laura Sparrow, proudly scanning the array of completed works. Having been apparently inspired from a field trip in March to the Toledo Museum Art, the teams of six students came through on short notice. Sparrow said they were given. Sparrow said they were given two weeks to create their 2-D table-top gallories, using the table-top galleries, using the Internet and libraries as valu-

able resources.

"After being down there (in Toledo), they fell in love with how museums work," Sparrow said.

said.
Students had the chance to
spelight whatever or whomever
they wanted to, Junior Crystal
Brahm and the others in her
team were more than happy to
focus on the tranquil art of
Thomas Kinkade, in what they
titled the "Painter of Light
Museum."

"He has a different style of art that a lot of people don't know about," explained Crystal, a museum curator. "I want to

Light flature: The "Painter of Light Museum," honored the work of Thomas Kinkade. The museum staff, pictured right, includ-ed Ana Ivezic, Ben Ilmer, Eric Sweet David Butler Amanda Cusac and Crystal ... Brahm.

paint like him."
Teammate Amanda Gusac, also a junior and museum curator, likes his style so much that she's planning a Thomas Kinkade mural for her bedroom.
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Rounding out the "Painter of Light Museum" staff were secretary, Ana Iveric; usurers, Ben Ilmor and Eric Sweet; head security, David Butler.

"It's a really neat experience," said Ana, a senior, about the project. "There are a lot of different artists from different times."

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Of the many Kinkade paintings duplicated for the exhibit, several students said the best and most popular is "Spring Gate," depicting a winding, dirt road splitting through sunlit trees.

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Elsewhere in the Connections Elsewhere in the Connections classroom, visitors walked past displays on "Visions of Van Gogh," "The Museum of Manipu-lative and Perspective Art" and "The World's Finest African Museum."

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The latter was the only museum to stray from the 2-D aspect; ceramic masks from the Kifwebe and Mbuya tribes were exhibited, for example.

Other displays featured Spanish art, Salvador Dali, M.C. Escher, animation art and tattoo

art.

Sparrow, assisted by student teacher Kimmi Dukes, said the
"Make a Museum" pilot project
snowballed out of a previous



Riebesehl (right) talks about his display.

assignment.
Last fall, students "took unknown artifacts from the ancient world, identified and researched them, then developed professional displays and took them on the road." Sparrow said. This time, students chose a museum theme, selected and gathered up the artworks to put on display ... they even used deaktop publishing to create a Visitor's Guide pamphlet. With the schoolwide showing a succeas, the atudents will soon take their museums on the road, to other schools, churches and senior citizen homes.



On display: Above, the Harrison High School Connections classroom recently took on the appearance of a museum, with many student projects displayed.







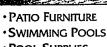


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