

Art contest entries added color to our holidays

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From the moment the first holiday art contest entries began arriving, the staff knew this was going to be a great contest to enjoy, but a tough one to judge.

There were many, many, fine entries — drawings, paintings sculpture and shadow boxes. The subjects were varied and interesting. Santa Claus was number one in popular subjects, but lots of youngsters let us see their thoughts and dreams of what Christmas is all about.

HANUKA WAS ALSO treated tastefully and with dignity by several entrants who gave us their impressions. There were fireplaces with stockings, trees with presents, children doing all kinds of pleasant things, from playing in the snow to baking cookies and wrapping gifts.

If we didn't realize it before, all who saw the art work, are more than ever aware that to youngsters, holidays are for enjoying with family and friends. It's a time for family enjoyment and a time to enjoy the significance of these religious holidays.

FIRST PRIZE in the first through third grade category went to David Bartley of Farmington Hills. David, a third grader at Forest Elementary

School, drew a lovely and detailed Christmas tree, with each ornament, carefully drawn and colored.

David won a 10 speed bike for his entry which he said took him about three days, working on and off, to complete.

SECOND PRIZE in the first through third grade category went to Daryl Wagner of Farmington Hills. Daryl used imagination and humor to create a sock puppet of Santa, complete with red hat, pink fuzzy mustache and great white button eyes. He is a first grader at Flanders Elementary School and will receive a \$25 savings bond.

First honorable mention went to Elise Tremba of Farmington Hills for her mixed media manger scene.

OTHERS WHO WON honorable mentions were: Robert Green of Birmingham, block prints; Adrienne Kole of Bloomfield Hills, Christmas collage; Anissa Horner of Royal Oak, mixed media manger scene; Max Kole, Bloomfield Hills, Christmas Eve scene; and Robert Harden of Auburn Heights, Santa's workshop.

Douglas Summers of Troy walked away with a first prize 10 speed bike for his nativity scene in the fourth through sixth grade category. Douglas, who at-

tends Our Shepherd Lutheran School, did some fine clay figures of the wise men, each had a clearly defined face and costume.

SECOND PRIZE in this category went to Cathy Shaffer of Troy. Cathy, a fourth grader at Marian Elementary School, She created an interesting piece of soft sculpture which required painting as well as sewing talents. She painted a Christmas scene on cloth, used it for a pillow and then machine stitched very carefully around her design.

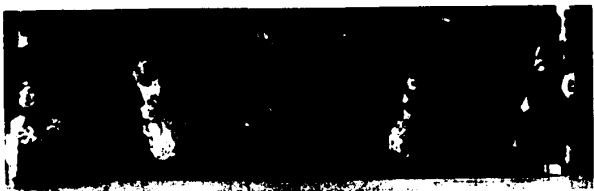
Cathy has been using a sewing machine for a number of recent projects. She made a puppet, a kitten, several stocking gifts and some painted, stuffed pillows for Girl Scouts.

FIRST HONORABLE mention went to Bridget Sackett of Southfield for her oil painting of two girls on a sled. This was the only oil painting entered in the contest and it was a most pleasing one. Bridget is a sixth grader at St. Michael Elementary School in Southfield.

Other honorable mentions in this category went to: M.T. McDonald of Birmingham for a well drawn "Christmas is Friends" poster; Karen Dixon, of Troy for a mixed media Santa Claus

scene; and Mallory Wayne of Southfield for a mixed media snow scene.

Both first place winners, we were told, like art work and do a lot of it. We hope they will be back next year to try for prizes once again and that all of the youngsters who entered the contest and made our holiday season brighter, will give us another chance to judge their art — and maybe, just maybe, give them a prize.



Douglas Summers of Troy, a fourth grader, said he has been drawing and painting for a long time, but this was his first try with clay. It was good enough to win him first prize and a 10-speed bike.



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David Bartley, left, of Farmington Hills and Douglas Summers of Troy were the Oakland County winners in the holiday art contest sponsored by the Eccentric-Observer Newspapers. David is in the third grade and Douglas is in the fourth. The boys both won 10-speed bikes for their art entries.

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Daryl Wagner, a Farmington Hills first grader, will receive a savings bond for his Santa puppet which won him second prize.

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Cheerleading classes will meet Thursdays beginning the week of Jan. 10. Participants will be instructed in jumps, cheers, pose, balance and given tips to help them in spring tryouts.

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