

Youth Art Show – Plein Air paintings of the National Ranching Heritage Center

“Plein air” is a term derived from the French phrase en plein air, which literally means “in the open air.” This term is used to describe the act of painting outdoors. The National Ranching Heritage Center is hosting a youth art show for area high school students with an interest in art. Students will visit the NRHC and choose a structure to draw in plein air. Participants can enter two or three-dimensional art in any media they choose. All work submitted will be carefully evaluated and 16 chosen pieces will be on display (13 two-dimensional and 3 three-dimensional) in the NRHC’s Stevens Gallery and will be a stop on the First Friday Art Trail on April 3, 2009. Participating artists will also be featured in an article in the *Ranch Record*, the nationally distributed publication of the NRHC. The show will be on display in the gallery April 3 through May 24, 2009. Frames are available for use, but participants are responsible for matting and delivering their work to the NRHC.

A visit with your class to the National Ranching Heritage Center is advised. Please call ahead to schedule your visit. A brief seminar on plein air painting will be available for interested classes. Please call Emily Arellano at (806) 742-0498 or e-mail at emily.arellano@ttu.edu to schedule.

The National Ranching Heritage Center is a museum and historical park established to preserve the history of ranching, pioneer life and the development of the livestock industry in North America. Forty-seven authentic, furnished ranch buildings and structures have been relocated to the NRHC and restored to show the evolution of ranch life from the late 1780s through the 1930s. Admission is free. We are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Rules for Submission:

- Art work must be submitted to the NRHC no later than 5 p.m. on March 13, 2009. Participants’ teacher will be notified by March 23 if the student’s work will be displayed in the Youth Art Show.
- The NRHC Youth Art Show is open to students in grades nine through twelve attending public, private or home-schools in the Lubbock area. Only one entry per student will be accepted for review.
- All artwork must be original, hand-produced works of art. Photographs and computer-generated artwork will not be accepted.
- Frames provided are 24” by 20.” Art work and mat must be able to fit in this frame.
- Submissions will be judged on the quality of the artwork and adherence to the theme.
- Each picture must be accompanied by a completed entry form. Please tape entry form to the back of entry.
- By entering, artists give the National Ranching Heritage Center permission to use their artwork for promotional, non-commercial purposes.