



"Enriching Our Communities Through Advancement of the Arts"

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ALLIED ARTS HOLDS CHILDREN'S ART SHOW AND AUCTION IN CELEBRATION OF UPCOMING NATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., September 29, 2010 – In advance of National Arts & Humanities Month, Allied Arts held a children's art show and auction at Quail Creek Golf & Country Club on September 9th. More than 20 children ranging in age from three to 15 submitted artwork for the event. Their original creations will be exhibited at the club and Allied Arts offices, and will be featured in Allied Arts publications.

The participating children's paintings and photographs were judged by a panel which included Ann Shaw, artist and Quail Creek member; Kelsey Karper, artist and associate director, Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC); and Deborah McAuliffe Senner, president and CEO, Allied Arts. Lucas Schrantz, Nicholas Kuhn, Hanna Lee and Emmy Clark received "Best of Show" award ribbons for their originality and talent as well as an art class at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art provided by Corbin Cowan, president and CEO of Corbin Cowan Inc.

Not only did the children practice their creative skills, but they also received a lesson in personal finance from Cowan as they received play money to bid on art. The event was open to Quail Creek members' children, family members and guests 18 years of age and younger. Allied Arts held a similar event at Gaillardia Country Club earlier this year.

Throughout the month of October, thousands of arts organizations, school systems, businesses, government entities and individuals across the country will celebrate National Arts & Humanities Month. Coordinated by Americans for the Arts, National Arts & Humanities Month is the largest annual celebration of the arts and humanities in the nation.

"At Allied Arts, we celebrate the importance of the arts to our community year-round," said Senner. "We encourage Oklahomans to join the celebration by enrolling in an art class, seeing a performance or exhibit and asking for more art in their children's schools."

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About Allied Arts

As Oklahoma's only United Arts Fund, Allied Arts generates awareness of the importance of the arts, mobilizes support for arts and cultural organizations and funds arts education programs for Central Oklahoma school children. Founded in 1971, the organization has raised more than \$42 million to advance the arts in Oklahoma City and its surrounding communities.

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