

Robyn's Report on the Laurel Regional Hospital Youth Art Contest



Robyn, above left.
Mavreen, lower
left. Right, Cow
working the
crowd.



The awards ceremony on June 11 went wonderfully. The Chick-fil-A cow was a kid head-turner. Being a smart cow, she hid while the Mayor, hospital and art guild dignitaries spoke. How many kids have the Mayor tell them that their art is splendid, and that they should keep up the good work? All the kids there did! I think the event was splendid. This exhibit closes August 16, 2010. After that, the First, Second and Third Place winners will be placed on display in Laurel Regional Hospital's Hall of Art until next year's Annual Youth Art Contest.

Awards were huge. I'd say even "gargantuan." They were large enough to be given to adult award winners! In addition to checks for the winners, everyone received a goody bag full of coupons and donated supplies. Kids should run, not walk to this opportunity next year. The rules and requirements are incredibly simple. The judges are wonderfully friendly and capable. (I know, because this year Mavreen Veihmeyer and I were two of them!) The sponsors are growing in number and they are very generous. This event makes a cheerful difference in the community. Youth and children are encouraged, and their interest in art is supported by the hospital, the art guild and even the Mayor himself. What a wonderful way to promote art!

This year, as in the past, free lessons were offered by the Laurel Art Guild. Next year, Montpelier Arts Center is going to join in by offering one free summer session. I'm glad to be able to report that this partnership with the Laurel Regional Hospital is alive, well, and growing in its vitality!

Respectfully, *Robyn Church Hatton*