

# DeWitt art show attracts over 800

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DeWITT— One of the cultural things that has been introduced in the DeWitt area in the last few seasons is the Art Show, sponsored by the DeWitt Public Li-

brary in conjunction with the Ox Roast celebration.

Over 800 persons viewed the many beautiful and inspiring things that were on display in the Memorial Building Friday afternoon and Saturday.

All people showing must be DeWitt area residents or former DeWitt area residents.

THE DeWITT Ceramic Studio had a pre-showing on Christmas pieces with Santa and a lighted tree in the forefront.

An interesting duo was Mrs Alfred Peterson of Round Lake and her sister, Mrs Cecil Gearhart of Houghton Lake. Both women do beautiful oil paintings.

The artists entering the show for the first time were Mrs Vera Dack and Frank Baldwin.

ANOTHER interesting combination was Dr and Mrs Maurice Becker. They each entered a canvass of their own and one that was a joint effort with each taking a turn with the brush and not always agreeing on what the other added.

Juniors showing were Gary Lattimore with humorous sketches, Kent Courtland with two water colors, Alice Custard with an oil seascape and Gary Becker with modern designs.

MRS KEITH Blizzard showed a pastel of the Methodist Church and a picture created of calico, yarn and a button on a linen background as well as a huge seed Mosaic.

Old favorites Mrs Nellie Boyd and prototist Joe Wheat also loaned their creations for the event.

Mrs Forrest Basore had on display an inspiring canvass of

the Pieta. Mary Kukule of Alward Lake also showed two oils.

Mrs Michael Yatchman of Lincoln Park, a former DeWitt girl, had a beautiful display of hand painted china.

CHESTER RABY loaned part of his collection of arrow heads to display. These have all been picked up in the DeWitt area over the years.

Mrs Earl Pierson loaned a quilt made by village people 70 years ago with their names embroidered on it. This became quite a conversation piece with people asking "Do you remember when?"

Mrs Allen Stampfly loaned many old photos of the village, Lansing and Jackson.

AND LAST but not least floral arrangements were brought in by Mrs Avery Lee, Ward Miller and Earl Klaver.

It is hard to realize how much talent a small village really has until one begins to dig for it. Through the efforts of many, DeWitt had a very successful art show.



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Mrs Alfred (Carrie) Patterson of Round Lake Road, DeWitt, left, and her sister, Mrs Cecil (Lucy) Gearhart of Houghton Lake, exhibited some of their paintings at the annual art exhibit at the Ox Roast celebration last week in DeWitt. Mrs Patterson shows an oil painting sketched in Florida. Mrs Gearhart's painting is of Ygiguassu River Falls in South America.