

The annual Phillips County Art Show will be held Thursday, March 25 through Sunday, March 28 at the Holyoke High School commons, 545 East Hale Street.

The show will feature the work of regional artists of Colorado and Nebraska.

This is the eighth year that the art show is being sponsored by the Phillips County Arts Council. Area artists, from beginners to professionals, and students are encouraged to enter their work.

The arts council is pleased to announce that a collection of the work of local artist Jessie Scott will be on display during this year's art show. She was born in 1912 and lived most of her life on a farm in the Haxtun, Colo. area.

Her interest in art began at an early age and continued into her 90s. She was a prolific painter, sculptor and stained glass artist. She created a series of stained glass windows located in the Haxtun Church of the Brethren, depicting the ministry of Christ beginning with the nativity and ending with the Ascension.

Her artwork is well known in this area and around the country. Jessie died earlier this year and the arts council is proud to honor her with this exhibit. A limited number of prints of her work will be available for purchase.

Artists may enter their work on Thursday, March 25 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Accepted media will be acrylic, china painting, creative stitchery, collage, colored pencil, drawings, fibers, hand-thrown ceramics and pottery, jewelry, mixed media, oil, pastels, pen and ink, pencil, photography-traditional, photography-enhanced, scratch art, sculpture, stained glass, tole painting, watercolor, weaving and wood carving.

Judging will take place on Friday morning, March 26, and an oral critique for artists and anyone interested will be offered from 1:30–3 p.m. An oral critique for students will also be offered at 1:30.

The show will be open for public viewing on Friday from 3–10 p.m., Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m.–10 p.m. and on Sunday, March 28 from 1–4 p.m. Entries will be judged by John Cross of Sterling, Colo., assistant professor of fine arts at Northeastern Junior College.

He received his bachelor's degree in fine arts from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and his masters in fine arts from Fontbonne University in St. Louis, Mo. He has taught drawing, painting and design classes at colleges and universities in the St. Louis area.

Cross refers to himself as an image maker. While primarily a painter, he uses an eclectic range of techniques, media, and imagery to create art works that reflect his thoughts on contemporary culture and the power of the individual.

Susan Reber of Sterling will judge student entries. She will be offering a student critique on Friday at 1:30 p.m. Reber has been painting for 30 years and has taught art in grades K-12, as well as at the college level. She prefers watercolor and paints in both realistic and impressionistic styles.

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