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#### Youth in Art 2010 presents annual show

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RATON - Youth in Art 2010, the annual Raton Schools art show and awards, will fill the new John Krivokapich Media Center at Raton High School at 7 Wednesday night, May 5. More than 200 art works in various media will be on display, created by student artists from Raton Middle School and Raton High School. Many of the works will be priced for purchase.

High-quality award ribbons and more than \$1,000 in cash prizes will be presented for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of eight art categories plus five Best-of-Class awards. Topping the night will be the Best in Show award, won last year by current Raton High School senior Erica Hopper. Guests Wednesday night will also vote for the Most Popular award. According to sponsor Kathy Vertovec, one goal of the awards is motivation, so students will feel valued for their work and continue pursuing their artistic expressions.

Wednesday night marks



Photo by Tim Keller

RHS Art Club members sit beneath their work as they prepare for Wednesday's annual show. From left are Maria Gallegos, Hilary Bayliss, Heather Cochran, Kayce Bustos, and Brian Trujillo.

40 years of annual student art shows for Raton: the program was created by local artist and teacher Marv Newton, who returns to judge this year's show along with artist Terry Bumpass. Newton sponsored the program for 26 years, then turned it over to Vertovec, who is presenting her 14th show.

Students in grades 6 through 12 have spent the school year creating works in their art classes. Many of the young artists have gone further, devoting their energies to creating art in various media on their own time outside of school. While many area school districts have cut back on art programs due to financial constraints, the Raton Public Schools has actually built up its district-wide art programming.

Wednesday night's Youth in Art 2010 cash awards are available through generous donations from throughout

the community, in addition to support from Shirley Prince and the Sloat Prince Foundation. This year's awards show will include special refreshments prepared and served by Tiger Culinary Students, Raton High School's new commercial catering operation. If past shows are an indication, the new high school media center will be packed Wednesday night for an exciting show of student

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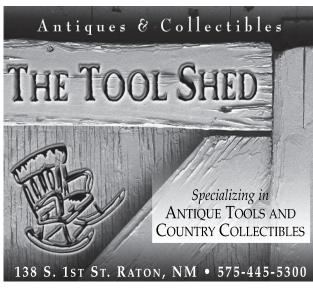


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