

Press Release



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All-grades BG art show opens Friday, May 6

Art work by students throughout the Battle Ground School District will be on display at Capt. Strong Primary School beginning the evening of Friday, May 6, and continuing during school hours through Friday, May 27.

This 52nd annual all-district show will feature about 700 pieces of art work in a variety of mediums by students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The pieces have been hung in the corridors at the school, 1002 N.W. Sixth Ave., a few blocks north of downtown. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Visitors are asked to sign in at the school office.

The May 6 viewing is from 5 to 7 p.m. Subsequent school-day viewing is from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. An additional viewing opportunity will be late afternoon/early evening Friday, May 20, in connection with the art show awards ceremony at a School Board meeting at Capt. Strong that begins at 3:30 p.m.

The annual event dates to 1959 at the instigation and hard work of the city's head librarian, Francis Rieck, and Battle Ground High School art teacher Bob Peck. In the early years the show was at the city library, which then was adjacent to the high school.

In later years Anna Cross, who worked in the BGHS library, became a key organizer. She and Peck remain active in mounting the show, along with Jeri Stith, an art teacher at Summit View alternative high school, and Jeanne Moncrief who works in the district's print shop.

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