



NAVARRO COUNCIL *of the* arts



YEAR IN REVIEW



Arts in Education 2009-2010

In 2009-2010, the Navarro Council of the Arts continued to be the driving force for the arts in Navarro County. Founded to promote and educate this community in the visual and performing arts, the Arts Council is the backbone of the arts for our citizens.

Each year, the Navarro Council of the Arts brings a variety of professional artists to educate our 10,000 students. From dance to live music to paintings, our children have been able to experience the full spectrum of the arts free of charge for more than thirty years. Each school year, the 10,000 students in our community, including all public, private, and home schools, are treated to more than \$100,000 worth of high-quality arts.



Because of the vision of this community and the generosity of so many past and present citizens, we continue to grow and enlighten the children of this county.

At a recent National Arts Conference, Dana Gioia, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, reiterated how important art education is in this country. He gave the staggering statistic:

“93% of all Americans think the arts are vital to providing a well rounded education.”

We, at the Navarro Council of the Arts, could not agree more!

Since our inception, the people of Navarro County have been able to see groups such as the Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, The Harlem Boys Choir, The Ahn Trio, The Nutcracker, Vienna Boys Choir, The Glen Miller Orchestra, Ballet Folklorico, African American Dance Ensemble, and many, many more.

In October, the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in Navarro County were given an opportunity to experience the nationally renowned Dallas Children’s Theatre and their production of “Most Valuable Player, the Jackie Robinson Story.” This full stage production gave students a glimpse of the young



athlete’s non-violent struggle to intergrate what was once considered a white man’s game. Through it all, Jackie’s courage, intelligence, leadership, resilience and athletic skill propelled him to become a national hero.



November welcomed back the Singing Zoologist, Lucas Miller. Miller’s songs and stories taught Pre K – 3rd grade students about science in a fun way!

In December, we brought back the singing sensation...Ball In The House. This vocal group of five men create the entire band with only their voices. Students loved to see that all the drums were coming from the voice of Jon J and even learned a little beat box of their own.



May was a busy month when we welcomed two artists to Navarro County. The 3rd and 4th graders were welcomed to the Palace and participated in the hilarious improvisational comedy act of KidProv. Think "Whose Line Is It Anyway" with kids and you know just how much fun was going on in the Palace.

Finishing out the season was highly acclaimed performance artist, Richard Hight with Visual MPact. This multi talented artist produced a work of art 6 feet tall by 8 feet wide at each show in only 8 minutes. He then captivated the students with his talk on focusing on your talents and strengths.



TYC PROGRAMMING



It is always a great privilege to present high quality therapeutic arts in the wall of the Texas Youth Commission. TYC is a special place and many don't understand the situations. The Arts Council feels like these children, no matter how their lives have turned out, deserve the chance to express themselves and enjoy the world of the arts. Each year, the Arts Council presents more than \$10,000 worth of therapeutic arts in the walls of the school.

Presented out at TYC this year was Texas based visual artist, Julio Suarez. This Cuban born artist allowed the children to express themselves through drawing cartoons. Also, artists Troup d'Jour introduced the young adults to Shakespeare through their English classes. TYC favorite, Monica Gomez, writer and songwriter, helped students express themselves through songs. KidProv also enlightened the kids with their comedy and skits.

We appreciate the Texas Youth Commission for allowing us to bring our programming to the home. We know that these programs are valuable to the kids and we look forward to giving them the opportunity to communicate through the arts.

2010-2011 PROGRAMMING



The Arts Council takes great pride each year in presenting a diverse, well rounded, yet educational, program for the students of Navarro County. With all the research in place, we know that what we are doing is making a vast difference in the success of our community for the future. Take time to see what we are doing; come to the schools and experience these amazing arts programs!



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ART EXHIBITS



For all 31 years of our existence, we have presented high quality art exhibits in the Warehouse Living Arts Center Gallery space. Each year we work hard to bring in different artists from not only our county, but across the nation. Some work may be traditional, while other exhibits show the modern side of art.

This year was no exception with our art exhibits. We presented the favorites like the Navarro County local artists and the Annual Quilt Show. The local artist show gives us a chance to highlight our local talent and the Corsicana Art League.

October is the annual Quilt Show. These masterpieces fill the walls of the gallery. Look for the 32nd Annual show this October. Another favorite is the Youth Art Show. This annual exhibit gives our children the chance to feature their artwork in a real gallery. This year's theme, "Patterns" gave students a chance to express themselves in an artistic way.

As always, the Arts Council gives large savings bonds to the winners in each division. Elementary, Junior High, and High School each receive more than \$200 in bonds to be used in the future.



2010-2011 ART EXHIBITS



May-June	Athens Art Society
July –August	Janet Burton
September	Sundee Corley
October	Quilt Show
November	Fran Shurlef
December	Tracey Johnston
January	Henderson County Art Club
February	Rebecca Carr
March	National Juried Art Show
April	Heart Gallery
April	Mystery Art in Tuckertown
May	Youth Art Show

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