



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI**

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*FineARTS*  
EXHIBIT

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**Boys & Girls Club National Fine Arts Exhibit on Display at Katy Depot**

SEDALIA, MO. – December 2, 2010 - In conjunction with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Fine Arts Exhibit, the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri will host a "Celebration of Art" showcase at Sedalia Katy Depot on December 21st from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

BGCA's National Fine Arts Exhibit program is a comprehensive initiative promoting young people's creativity and encouraging artistic skills and cultural enrichment. The exhibit enables Club members 6 to 18 years of age to uncover their artistic talents, develop their creativity and explore career related opportunities through visual arts.

The “Celebration of Art” showcase will feature local National Fine Arts contest winners’ work with a special musical presentation by the Smithton site’s Music Makers program and an all site Club member signing to the song, “I Believe I Can Fly.”

“Two of our Youth Development Professionals, Jamie Ditzfeld and Micheal Steward, have latched onto the Club’s Music Makers program and they are teaching Club members the importance of the arts and music,” said Judy Moore, Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri’s Smithton Unit Director and National Fine Arts Coordinator. “A lot of our members had never had the opportunity to touch a percussion instrument or learn how to read a note until this year when Micheal started working with them; and you should see the kids’ faces light up when Jamie starts teaching them how to sign the words to a song. By the time they get to the last line of ‘I Believe I Can Fly’ their hands are moving with such fluidity, purpose and intent they take the roof off the building. It is pretty amazing.”

According to the BGCA about 4,000 Clubs nationwide participate in the annual National Fine Arts Exhibit event. The exhibit will features four age groups and 10 categories: monochromatic drawing, multicolored drawing, pastel, watercolor, oil/acrylic, print making, mixed media, collage, sculpture and group project.

The National Fine Arts Exhibit will be on display at Katy Depot from December 14<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. The artwork will be judged by an esteemed panel of local and regional artists with the local first-place winners in each age group and category advance to the regional competition. In May, the top piece of artwork from each region in each age and category is selected as a national winner. Thirty-seven national winners will be named and their artwork will be featured by BGCA throughout the year.

“The National Fine Arts Exhibit program is one of my favorite programs and events,” said Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri’s Parkview Site Director and National Fine Arts Coordinator. “This program provides Club members with an opportunity for creative expression not discovered in other areas.”

To find out more information on the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri or the National Fine Arts Exhibit please call (660) 826-8331 or toll free (877) 242-9260.

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