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## **BUDDING ARTISTS HONORED AT CANNON GALLERY RECEPTION**

Banner Elk, NC May 13, 2008 – The vibrant colors and lively designs of artwork created by Avery County school students provided a perfect backdrop for a reception honoring young artists and their families on Tuesday afternoon, April 29, at the T. Alan Dickson Gallery, Cannon Memorial Hospital, in Linville. Hospital administrators hosted the special event for these youngest exhibitors of the gallery, which is a popular gathering place for patients and visitors. The reception is an annual rite for students, as Avery school arts programs are featured each April in recognition of National Youth Arts month. In addition to refreshments and the chance to shine in front of family and friends, students also received certificates of appreciation from the Avery County Arts Council.

Participating in the April “Budding Artists” Show were Banner Elk Elementary, Beech Mountain Elementary, Newland Elementary, Crossnore Elementary, Cranberry Middle School, Avery High School, Crossnore Academy, and Crossnore School. Art teachers Stephanie Jones, Charlene Trestain, Mickey Banner, Michelle Gouge, and Teresa Storie provided instruction and arranged the show on behalf of their students.

The Avery County Arts Council is a non-profit organization that works to enrich the people of Avery County through meaningful arts and cultural experiences. For more than 30 years the council has helped to support school arts programs and served as a resource for artists and the community. Contact the Avery County Arts Council at 828-898-4292 or [info@averycountyartscouncil.org](mailto:info@averycountyartscouncil.org).

See photo below.

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