

**TO:** School Principal and Art Instructor

**RE:** Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair Student Opportunities

**OPPORTUNITY #1: STUDENTS IN GRADES 5 THROUGH 12 & ART INSTRUCTORS**

The Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair (SOCAF) is approaching once again! This year the annual May event will be held on May 17-18, 2008. With this in mind, we would like to again offer an exciting opportunity for our Sangamon County students. We need access to the finest artwork produced by students in public and private schools in Sangamon County. One student work (any size, any medium, 2-D or 3-D) will be selected by a panel of judges and will then be photographed to appear as the dominant element of the poster advertising the SOCAF.

Competition for the honor of being the featured artist on the poster is open to currently enrolled students in Grades 5 through high school. This is a juried show. Only one (1) entry per student will be accepted, therefore we would appreciate the **art instructors=active participation in the selection of works** to be submitted. Art work not selected will be available for ONE representative from your school to pick up all entries between March 18-21, 2008, at Grady Realtors Inc.

Monetary prizes are as follows: Student whose work is selected for the poster, \$200; second place recognition, \$150; third place recognition, \$100; and honorable mention awards of \$50 in each of the three grade categories (5/6, 7/8, high school). In addition, the instructor of the winning artist will receive a \$300 grant for the purchase of art materials for classroom use!

**OPPORTUNITY #2: LIMITED TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

The Old Capital Art Fair Board will again be offering scholarships to graduating seniors this year. Students will submit a portfolio on fair weekend (always the third weekend in May) to be judged by the official Art Fair judges. Last year we had over 40 participants and awarded six \$500 scholarships, and this year we are excited to be awarding **SIX \$600** scholarships! Please advise your senior art students to keep this opportunity in mind as they create pieces throughout the rest of the year. More information regarding specifics will be sent to the schools in March.

The board is dedicated to promoting art among the youth of Sangamon County. Please help us involve your students in our activities. The monetary awards and recognition are good for the students, the participating schools, and the arts in Sangamon County. Thank you for your time and consideration!

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