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Peoria Art Guild creates Young Artists Show as part of Junction City Art Fair

Peoria, IL — This year The Peoria Art Guild will add a Young Artists Show (YAS) component to the 2nd Annual Junction City Art Fair. The Fair will take place on June 2-3, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the newly renovated Junction City Shopping Center. Now in its second year, the Junction City Art Fair showcases the talents of local artists residing within 100 miles of Peoria and expects to attract over 10,000 visitors. The Young Artists Show will feature the artwork of middle and high school-aged students from the Tri-county area.

The Peoria Art Guild is known for its downtown Fine Art Fair, now in its 45th year, which takes place annually the last full weekend of September and enjoys a national reputation as one of the top Fairs in the U.S. The Art Guild developed the Junction City Art Fair to focus on the pool of local talent in the area. Fifty artists from Central Illinois will display works of jewelry, clay, glass, wood, painting and more.

Begun this year as an opportunity to highlight the talents of middle and high school-aged students, the Young Artists Show provides a venue for aspiring young artists to show off their work. One piece per school is eligible for submission; all entries are chosen by the individual teachers. All artwork will be original and on display during Fair hours; prizes will be awarded at 2pm on Saturday. Prizes will be awarded for winners of Best of Show through third place at both the high school and middle school levels. Awards will include gift certificates for art supplies and free classes at The Peoria Art Guild.

The Young Artists Show is supported through the generous corporate support of eServ.

Admission to the Fair and the YAS is free. For more information on the Junction City Art Fair, the Young Artists Show component, or for volunteer opportunities, please call 309-637-2787.

The Peoria Art Guild, one of the nation's oldest visual arts organizations, exists to serve the community and artists through the exhibition and sale of contemporary artwork, to provide education and to promote appreciation of the visual arts. The Peoria Art Guild provides the community with art exhibits, art classes, original artwork for purchase or rent, and other special events such as the Fine Art Fair. Programs are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.