VARIED EXHIBITS IN BH ART SHOW

Broken Hill and the outback, vigorously painted by local artists, feature largely in the entries of the eighth annual art competition on view at the Technical College annexe.

Social - realist painter Kevin C. (Pro.) Hart won first prize in oil for his "Backyard Keg", a beer party complete with pink elephant. He exhibited a large mural-like painting, "Rasp's Dream", two watercolors ("New Year Drinkers", a clever "Crying Boy with a Broken Jug") and cartoons, "There's Free Beer out at Murphy's tJoint" and "Americans Testing the Hart Gun.'

Second honors in oil painting were shared by Sam Byrne, Broken Hill's "primitive", and John Gregory, who has the benefit of overseas art study. Mr. Byrne, who was acclaimed in Melbourne and Sydney last year, exhibited four typical pictures including the prizewinning "Zinc Corp. and New Broken Hill Cons.)"

Harmonious

Gregory's large oil, "Round Hill Spring" has harmonious colors. His abstract, "Intersection of Argent and Oxide Streets, Sat,", shows tyre marks and red spots (blood?) He also showed charming watercolors and drawings. M. Harding's "Argent Street by Night" and a study of a nude "I Have Sung My Song" appeal to many visitors.

Young and very promising painter Susan White has a much admired portrait, "Dad", and a well-painted "Gum Tree". Her watercolors, "Ridge of Rock" and prizewinning "Hardy Bush" are fine examples of nature painting.

A. G. Cumpston, in "The Pinnacles" also gets the character of the country in his painting.

Fred Pratt was highly commended for "Shearing Time at The Springs" and A. W. Smith,' of Radium Hill, exhibited two paintings of gum trees and creeks in soft colors.

F. Johnson, E. Lennox, G. Foster, M. Fyfe, V. Cracknell and C. Vandenberg, showed local subjects including sturt peas.

Ceramics

Two beautiful table tops in ceramics were entered by Avis Smith — "Garden Flowers" received the Barrier Field Naturalists prize. There is a charming portrait, "Fran" by L. Andrews.

Pleasing patterns of road rocks, sky and cloud in clear washes gained first place in watercolors for R. Ronald's "Tibooburra Road".

New exhibitor, H. Schultz won a prize with his "View from Hospital Hill" which somewhat resembles Mr. Byrne's famous Broken Hill panoramas.

Exhibiting in the water color section were: S. White, S. Byrne, K. Hart, L. Battle, F. Johnson, E. Lennox, M. Fauser, L. Roberts, L. Files, C. Fewster, F. Pratt, M. Harding, J. Gregory, D. Campbell.

Ladies Triumph

In drawing it was a triumph for the ladies. First and second prizes were awarded to Miss Margaret Fauser and Mrs. F. Johnson. For Miss Fauser, special handclaps, as she has overcome a physical handicap to acquire her fine skill.

The exhibition, which includes work by children from four years, will be open for the last session tonight from 7—9.

— M. Harding.

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