



SPORTS CHAIR PROJECT

Guest Artist - Hyla Skudder

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I worked with a fourth grade class to create an Art Chair for the Annual "Chair Is Art" competition and exhibition sponsored by Gallery 202 in Westerville. The competition rules are very inclusive -- chairs can be any size or material, and do not need to be functional.

We had several group brainstorming sessions, and voted to do a Sports Chair as our theme. I broke the chair down into it's various components (back, seat, legs, arms) and the kids came up with fantastic ideas for what they wanted each part of the chair to be like.

I made a composite sketch from all their ideas and built the basic structure from cardboard, foamcore, pvc tubes and wooden dowel rods. The students were divided into small groups to work on all the remaining aspects of the chair.

The chair was completed over a two week period. Every member of the class contributed, and the sense of pride was immense!



Detail of the left arm featuring a golf course.



The seat of the chair featured a soccer field in action - complete with cheering fans. The narrow back of the chair, as well as the front and sides of the seat area featured self-portraits of the students doing their favorite sporting activity.



A detail of the enthusiastic soccer game action.



The right arm of the chair featured a tennis court with a ladies doubles match in progress.

SPORTS CHAIR IS OVER-ALL GRAND PRIZE WINNER!

The kids were thrilled to learn that their chair had been chosen as the over-all Grand Prize Winner of the annual "Chair is Art" exhibition. Their chair was on display in the city library for the month of April.



With their \$100 prize money, the class voted to donate books to the school library.