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**LOCAL ARTIST WINS THIRD PLACE IN NATIONAL JURIED ART
COMPETITION DEDICATED TO CANINE ART**

Pet Portrait artist, Catherine Temple, from Clarkston, WA, has won third place in the drawing category at The Art Show at the Dog Show for her piece entitled "It's My Chair". The Art Show at the Dog Show is a national juried art competition whose sponsors offer artists who produce dog related art the opportunity to exhibit their work in a show dedicated exclusively to canine art. The Best of Show winner is purchased and donated to The American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog in St. Louis, Missouri where it hangs permanently on display.

The show received 580 entries from 200 artists. The artwork chosen from those entries was then judged. The winning pieces will be on display from now through April 1, 2009 at the Foyer Gallery, City Arts Building, and the Sunflower Cluster Dog Show all in Wichita, Kansas. Catherine's piece entitled "It's My Chair" depicts her Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Maggie, curled up in her favorite chair with the look that says "Don't even think about making me move!" The piece is done in graphite pencil.

The win was a first for Catherine who has been painting and drawing pet portraits for the past ten years. "I have always enjoyed painting and drawing animals and creating special memories for pet owners. This year I decided to stretch myself and start competing as well," said Catherine. "This was a good choice and an important step for me." She enjoys working in a variety of mediums, with acrylic, watercolor, graphite pencil and colored pencils being her favorite.

Catherine's work can be viewed on the internet at www.petportraitsbycatherine.com. Readers interested in commissioning a pet portrait may call (509) 758-1841.

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