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Art students from Sue Hand's Imagery who are exhibiting their works through December 20 at the Fifth Invitational Emerging Artists Exhibition at King's College are, from left, first row, Kate Camoni, Ellen Matza and Blair Costantino. Second row, Derek Kopen, Nina Santarelli, Catherine Sullivan and Elizabeth Vitanovec.

Sue Hand's art students display work at King's

Nearly 30 area high school students are exhibiting art works in various media in the Fifth Invitational Emerging Artists Exhibition at King's College through December 20. The exhibit will honor some of the best and the brightest artistic talents from area high schools.

Each student was invited to participate based on their artistic talent and past record of exhibitions and awards.

Exhibiting students and their high schools from the Back Mountain include Blair Costantino, Maria Darbenzio, Nicole Hilstolsky, Joe Stachnik and Rebekah Stuart, Dallas High School; Katie Banas, Holy Redeemer; Laura Madeira and

Cathryn Warner, Home School; Kelsey Amy, Ellen Matza, Theresa Restaino, Catherine Sullivan and Bethany Yamrick, Lake-Lehman High School; Marie Foti, Scranton Preparatory School; Adria Eckert, Amber Gollhardt, Chloe Kalna, Derek Kopen and Nina Santarelli, Wyoming Seminary.

The public is invited to view the exhibit at the Widmann Gallery in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center, King's College, Wilkes-Barre.

The exhibit is coordinated by Sue Hand, artist and educator, who holds an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from King's College.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Real men make Welsh cookies, too, according to David Corby, who helps the Eastern Star Post 396 with its fundraising project.

This recipe remains 'secret'

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Many of these treats will never make it out the door, joke the folks making Welsh cookies at Eastern Star Post #396 in Dallas. The round, raw cookies are pounded out, hand cut, then grilled, rolled in sugar and bagged. They look great and Rachel Ray surely would approve. Yum!

The Welsh cakes (as they are known in Wales) were traditionally cooked on a bake stove over a coal oven. They can be laced with raisins or currants, but the bakers in Dallas say they aren't the real deal unless they have currants and are then rolled in sugar.

The group has fun making the 135 dozen cookies as a fundraiser for events like the Market on the Pond at the Meadows Nursing Center and the Dallas Harvest Festival. Special orders for the crumpets are taken before Christmas.

"The orders are coming in like crazy," says Dianna Corby, who flips the cookies onto the grill.

Someone chimes in, "What are you doing, taking all the raisins out?"

Barb Wall eats the broken ones.

"You can't use those," she says.

"I've made these since I was a kid," says Pug Berti. She and



Women of the Eastern Star Post # 396, Dallas, make over 135 dozen Welsh cookies to sell for fundraising.

her sister are the only people of Welsh heritage in the group.

"The miners took these into the mines in their lunch pails and that's why they are sometimes called 'Miners Cakes,'" Berti notes. She and her sister remember making the cookies on a coal stove with their mother.

While the sisters have fond family recollections of the cookies, Elsie Jolley, of Dallas, has another take.

"I'd like to meet the Welshman who decided to sugar them," she scowls. "It (the sugar) ruins my tea when I dunk them in," she scolds, playfully.

The group mixes all the dough by hand and has a "secret recipe" from an area Welsh church which they are proud to say they have never divulged, not even in their Eastern Star

recipe book.

"We were asked not to give it out and we feel blessed to have it, so we keep the secret," Berti says.

"The cookies are so good people buy a bag at the Market on the Pond, walk around the pond, eat them all, then buy another bag to go home," says Irene Transue, who has helped make the cookies for at least the last 15 years. She also tells the story of a man at the Dallas Fall Harvest Festival who, after tasting the Eastern Star crew's cookies, threw away a bag he had purchased at another booth for \$4 and bought theirs.

This year's cookies are all bagged and spoken for, but the good news is that the group will make them again in the spring.



Irene Transue, of Dallas, though not Welsh, has been making cookies since 1961.

GIFT

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is expensive.

The church puts the event in its yearly budget and also receives donations to assist with the expenses.

"It's important," Letoski said. "It's important that the message gets out. The real meaning of Christmas needs to get out there so it's worth all of the expense."

The cast, made up almost entirely of church members, is 115 strong with nearly 200 people helping with the show in some way. There is a makeup department, costume department, greeters, an audio and video crews and a construction crew.

The cast is a combination of veterans and newcomers, allowing people within the church to make friends and get to know each other.

love it," Letoski said of the show. "What amazes us is there are always people who say, 'We've never heard of this before. We thought this was a walk-through or drive-through thing'"

"The Gift," named for God's gift to mankind, lasts for about one hour and is conducted outside.

Bleachers are provided for people to sit on, however, since they often fills up, guests may bring their own blankets and lawn chairs.

For those who cannot or do not wish to sit outside, a live video feed is available in the church sanctuary.

Members of the youth group sell hot chocolate before the production and complimentary cocoa and cookies follow each show.

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