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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - High school and junior high school students in six counties, three more than last year, will have an opportunity to submit their creations to a regional art contest this year.

Belmont, Harrison and Jefferson counties have been added to Mahoning, Columbiana and Trumbull counties in the annual Northeastern Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition.

The program is co-sponsored by Youngstown State University and Bank One of Eastern Ohio NA. It is conducted nationally by Scholastics, Inc. of New York City.

This fall, art teachers in some 100 schools will be asked to encourage students to submit their best works to the contest. Categories include painting, drawing, prints, textile design, sculpture, pottery, photography, graphics and jewelry.

Prizes include cash awards and scholarships to many colleges and art schools.

Last year, more than 3,000 entries that art teachers in Mahoning, Columbiana and Trumbull counties selected as the best work from their classes were sent to Youngstown State for the regional competition. Seven hundred were chosen by judges and exhibited to the public in Bliss Hall of YSU's College of Fine and Performing Arts. Of these, 50 were selected for the national competition in New York City.

Richard Mitchell of East Palestine, YSU professor of art, is chairman of this year's regional advisory committee.

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YSU art professor Richard Mitchell of East Palestine, center, works on plans for this year's Northeastern Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition with some of his committee. From left are Edie Davidson of Boardman, assistant education director, Butler Institute of American Art and president-elect, Steel Valley Art Teachers; Marylou Polshaw of Salem, Salem Junior High art teacher; and Wilma Lanney of Hanoverton, who teaches at Anderson High School, Lisbon. In addition to students from Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties, students in Belmont, Harrison and Jefferson counties are being invited to participate.

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Three area art teachers, members of the YSU committee planning the Northeastern Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition, go over details of the competition, which this year will include work by students in Belmont, Harrison and Jefferson counties as well as Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties. From left are Ron Mistovich of Boardman, art teacher at Struthers High; Sue Trimbur of Warren, who teaches at Howland Junior High, and Elaine Glasser of Austintown, who teaches art at YSU.

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