

Last month 50 fabulous Sutter Middle School artists had their paintings on display at one of Sacramento's top art spots, The 20th Street Gallery in midtown. The show, named The 50-50 Show, is an annual event in which over 50 local (adult) artists paint 50 mini paintings in 50 days. Sutter was invited to show 50 mini paintings by 50 individual (mini) artists.



The students were asked to create a dynamic composition of fruit, stems and leaves. After transferring a rough draft sketch onto masonite, students applied tempera paint using cotton swabs to achieve an impressionistic effect.

Over 120 students participated in this assignment; 50 were selected by a jury of Sutter staff members. Theirs was not an easy decision--all of the entries rocked!



As we were a last minute entry, we were originally going to be displayed in the hallway in the back of the gallery next to the bathrooms! But as soon as the gallery saw what our students were capable of, we got premium wall space by the front door. 24 of the 50 paintings sold (deal with that, adult artists!). Over

2000 people admired the students' masterpieces on April 12th (Second Saturday) alone. Our wall of paintings was even featured prominently on KCRA news!



We are so grateful to the 20th Street Gallery for giving us this wonderful opportunity-an act of genius as well as generosity!

--Ms. O'Neill