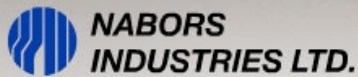


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When a four-year-old Scottish terrier named Sadie won Best in Show at the Westminster Kennel Club last month in New York, local artist Trish Biddle was already imagining how she would paint the top pooch to help promote next year's show.

The breed is one of her favorites to paint and she's already built a reputation for creating dog portraits.

The Feb. 17 show marked the second year in a row that Biddle has been selected as the prestigious show's official artist.

Her painting of the previous year's winner is used for all the national promotions for the event.

She's gained international fame for her penchant for fashion and vintage art deco architecture in her work.

Though she hasn't been selected for the 2011 show yet, she's excited about the celebrity treatment she's already gotten.

Her status granted her special access to the event at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

"It was the front-row by the Paparazzi photographers," she said.

But it's not all fun and games.

Some of Biddle's work goes to a good cause.

Another one of her paintings, a Labrador trained as a therapy dog, was auctioned off to Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital in New York.

The painting will go in the critical care wing.

"That was really an honor for me," she said.

The Kentucky Derby has also used Biddle's work as its official art.

She's also made a name for herself in Southlake, painting Town Square at Christmastime and doing Art in the Square paintings.

Her paintings have been auctioned off to benefit Durham Intermediate and Elementary schools, Westlake Academy and the Greater Southlake Women's Society, among other charities.

Biddle now lives in Westlake.

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