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UNLIMITED LIFE SKILLS POTENTIAL FOR CALGARY REGION 4-H YOUTH 4-H on Parade

Calgary – 4-H on Parade is a celebration of achievement for Calgary Region 4-H youth. Hosted by the Calgary Stampede for thirty-two years, the event's sponsors, Canadian Superior Energy Inc., EnCana, Agro Calgary and the Calgary 4-H Region host over 700 youth as they show, compete and demonstrate with pride their 4-H achievements.

4-H's broadened horizons have seen a unique array of projects and the lifeskills show was a prime example. "Fifteen year-old Robyn Braunwarth of Indus, AB joined 4-H five years ago taking part in guinea pig and photography projects and, for the past three years, model horses. At 4-H on Parade, one of her mare model horses captured a first place.

"I have over 230 models." Declares Braunwarth who belongs to Calgary based Prairie Winds 4-H Multi Club. "The challenge is finding places for them and earning money to buy them."

Braunwarth spends time building displays and working on how to best display her model horses and shows them in model horse shows. I buy horses that are pretty and that I like. Then I decide what (event or display) works best for it." Braunwarth often brings between 40 and 50 model horses to a show. Braunwarth will get to two or three shows per year and is likely to see some 1,000 horses at a show.

As a 4-H project, Braunwarth has an excuse to make projects. On display at 4-H on Parade is a sand arena with painted trotting poles and a rock wall jump. The jump took her about forty-eight hours to complete.

"Its really fun. I've learned a lot about horses since starting this." She adds confirming that she spends time observing real horses including her own to learn more.

Braunwarth can be found surfing the Internet looking for that special model. She is still on the hunt for a Peter Stone model of a horse that is rolling over on his back. "I've always loved that one. But it's not that common."

The resin models can be purchased for approximately \$40 and up for the traditional ones. Smaller versions are available for less. The model horses are ideal for someone who is horse crazy but is unable to own a real one. The object is to make the model appear as natural as possible.

"4-H on Parade is fun. I look forward to this the most!" Braunwarth's 4-H club saw eight members display four projects including scrap booking, an ever-popular project among youth.

Seventeen year-old Coleman Massey is a seven-year veteran of 4-H and has been involved in everything from small engines and remote control airplanes to cooking. This year, he followed in his brother's footsteps who built a remote control car last year. "It looked like a lot of fun." Massey put approximately thirty-five hours into building his project including testing and painting, as well as rebuilding the model after it flew off a table during a test.

Massey's favorite projects have been the remote control airplane and car. "It was lots of hands-on and it really broadened my knowledge in technology."

"I used to build model cars. These are more meticulous and harder to do. It's a step up."

The remote control car Massey built is a Mini Cooper, a British car otherwise known as the Rover. "The real car ran on motorcycle engines when it was first built." He explains, "I always loved these cars."

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Initially, Massey was a part of the 4-H program because of the friends and fun but admits that the scholarships, bursaries and camps are a big part of the picture these days as he begins to make plans for his future. A future in physiotherapy, kinesiology or teaching are all considerations for this teen.

Massey's Airdrie Helping Hands 4-H Multi Club also displayed visual arts, Lego, outdoor pursuits and a variety of other unique projects.

The Rabbit show named Amanda Greening's entry Grand Champion while Leanna Clancy's entry was named Reserve Champion. The model horse show awarded Alana Greening the Grand Champion title while Amanda Greening took the reserve spot.

4-H projects are as limitless as the youth's imaginations who are part of this unique experience.

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