

This Western Artist Is Native of Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz has its very own western artist, a native daughter who can trace her ancestry here back five generations.

She is Jerry Bartlett who has been drawing and painting since about the time when she and her twin sister, Terry, began riding horses when they were children.

"We both liked art and we both liked animals — so animals were what we drew," says Jerry.

And after graduation from Harbor High School, Jerry continued with her western art which she's sold throughout the United States.

Locally she has shown at Family Jewels and at Dominican Hospital.

Jerry says she is self-taught but has received lots of encouragement from her father, David Bartlett. Now she also is doing landscapes and seascapes too.

After high school Jerry lived for a while in Redding where they have the biggest Arab shows in northern California. She notes that she hangs samples of her work at the various shows and then does commissions.

"I prefer western art because it is a timeless work.

"And I like to live the western life. I enjoy riding and exercising horses and I love to travel. I especially love nature. I guess being an artist helps me to have my eyes open to everything around me."

Among Jerry's paintings is the one below of Jim Dassel and his quarter horse, Bar-Chief, winner of the world champion all-around stock contest.

This watercolor will be on display February 13-15 at the World Championship All-Around Stock Horse competition in Long Beach and she also is donating the watercolor of a western horse, below, to the benefit western art auction. Proceeds from the auction, Jerry says, goes for awards and prizes for the WCAASHC.

Jerry lived in Tucson for a time this past year and says she found it to be a great town for western art.

She says the Bartlett history goes back to 1623 in New England. William Chauncy Bartlett, Jerry's great-great-grandfather, arrived in San Francisco in 1860. A minister, he estab-

lished Congregational congregations in the mining towns of Columbia, Grass Valley and Nevada City, later coming to Santa Cruz.

With such deep roots in Santa Cruz County, Jerry is back home now and she's hoping western art will find its niche here too.

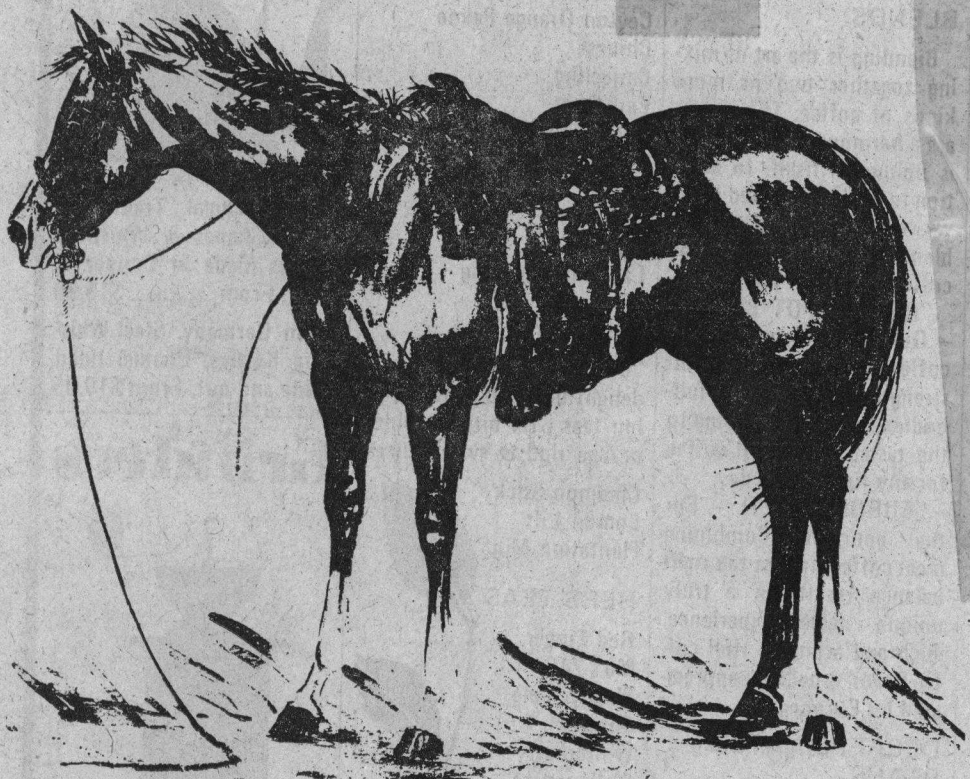
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Jerry Bartlett likes to ride horses as well as draw them. Here she is up on her sister Randy's, Anglo-Arab, Charra.

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Examples of Jerry Bartlett's western art includes top photo of Jim Dassell and his quarter horse, Bar-Chief, winner of the world champion all-around stock contest. Watercolor, above, of western horse is one she is donating to the upcoming benefit western art auction for the current WCAASHC competition to be February 13-15 in Long Beach.