



AT THE SC CRAFTS booth, Linda Stanley checked out some of the wreaths and swags after lunch time Saturday. The 19th annual craft show brought both locals and those from out of the the area to shop for holiday decorations and unusual gifts.

## Crafters show wares at fair

Baby blankets, yard decorations, dried flowers, jewelry, paintings and more filled the arena at The Gateway Saturday for the 19th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show. Tables filled the arena with 80 booths providing shoppers with lots to see and buy. The show started at 9 a.m. and within in 30 minutes or so the place was packed with those looking for holiday presents and decorations for their homes.

The show was pretty packed until lunch time rolled around, some left and others ate at The Gateway. Either way people in the arena started to thin out, then after lunch crafters started to get busy again.

One of the booths that seemed to always have many milling around it was SC Crafts. The couple, Max

and Sharilyn Currey from Kensington, handmade everything in the booth. This was their first time at the show.

The couple had bell ornaments made to look like cardinals, swags with hearts, apples and ribbons, signs and vine angels. After half a day at the show, Mrs. Currey said the most popular items were the vine angels and the Christmas wreaths.

In the early afternoon, she said, things were going really good.

The couple heard about the show in an Arts and Crafts book. She said in the past they have done the shows in Norton, McCook and Goodland, but hadn't done the one here.

She said most of the shoppers were women, which wasn't surpris-

ing. The couple plan to return to the show next year.

Mary Henzel with the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, which sponsors the event, said they had around 1,200 people come through the door. She said people are asked to register, but not all do.

The show was busy all day, she said. There were people coming in at the end of the day when crafters were tearing down their booths.

The crafters seemed to be pretty happy, she said. A lot of people were carrying bags out of the show, so it was obvious they were buying.

Mrs. Henzel said she thought the show went exceptionally well and they didn't hear any real complaints.



AT THE CRAFT SHOW Saturday, Rachel Richards (above) made a bright red beaded scarf while she sat at her booth. Lois Bryant (left) showed one of the many quilts she made, which were for sale at the show.



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