

## Croghan Elementary School's craft show growing

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FREMONT -- With all things crafty from painted bowling balls to quilts and candles, Croghan Elementary School's second annual craft show grew this year to house more vendors and visitors.

More than 100 tables covered with wares made by 80 crafters filled the halls and rooms of the school Saturday, while PTO members sold hot dogs and other goodies for lunch and snacks.

Money raised through the table rental, a \$1 admission fee and food sales will go to the PTO and fund field trips, special assemblies and other school activities, said Polly Garlock, a fifth-grade teacher at Croghan who organized the event with Patti Knipp, a paraprofessional aide at the school.

"It's been a lot of fun," Garlock said. "At Croghan, we try to look at unique ways to raise money for our PTO."

The staff and PTO and volunteers work hard to earn money so the students can have an even better education, she said.

"It's with this money that we can do the extra things," she said. "We try to spend it in a way so they know how very important they are to us."

Vendors said they were pleased with the turnout at the craft show.

"I'll be back next year," said Judy Brooks of Judy's Quilting & Embroidery in Fremont.

This was the first year she and family member Jeannine Brown, who makes and sells quilted handbags and accessories for her company, J. Brown Designs, set up booths at the show.

Both were pleased with the interest people took in their crafts. Brown's Christmas bags sold well, while Brooks received lots of questions about T-shirt quilts she makes for people using their T-shirts.

"I think it's wonderful," Brown said. "I've done very well."

The show was the first for Anita Grieger of Oak Harbor, who makes head bands and hair clips through her business, Nana's Novelties.

"I thought I'd give it a try, and I love it," she said. "I'm having a ball."



Darlene Love, center, and Judy Brooks help a customer at Brooks' booth Saturday at the annual Croghan Elementary School craft day. Brooks owns Judy's Quilting & Embroidery in Fremont. Kristina Smith Horn/News-Messenger