

Kayleigh Schultz
Juniper Ridge Elementary



Emily Carr – Artist, Author, Genius

Hi, My name is Kayleigh Schultz. I am 11 years old and 5 at Juniper Ridge Elementary School. My favorite sport is soccer. I also play the piano and Irish dance. I love art.

My Heritage Fair project is Emily Carr - Artist, Author, Genius. I became interested in Emily Carr in grade 4. I love art and found out that Emily Carr was a Canadian. I read only a couple of books last year and made a display on a board for last year's Heritage Fair. I really enjoyed learning about Emily Carr and so I continued some research about her life.

I took more books out of the library. I had told my mom that I needed to do something different for this year's fair. She said we should go to Victoria and see the house where Emily Carr lived. My mom went on the internet and found out that there was going to be an exhibition of Emily Carr's work at the Royal Museum in Victoria. We planned a trip down there during Spring Break. My aunt and cousin would like to come as well.

That trip was so much fun because I really learned so much about Emily Carr. At the museum, I saw original paintings, sketches, pottery, weaving, photographs of her life and this really made me understand more about the times that she lived in. I also saw a copy of the "Elephant" that she used to go camping in the woods and do her sketching. I decided that I would make a small copy of this for my display. I like to camp and I love art. Now I could show how different Emily Carr was from the very proper Victorian people of her times.

We visited her house and saw places in her garden that she had written about. We saw her boarding house, "The House of All Sorts" and even met a woman and her baby that lived in the apartment that had been Emily Carr's. We spent the weekend in Victoria and saw places where Emily would sketch by the ocean. We bought "Klee Wyck", her first book and also a set of 3 posters that shows her life in pictures which I used on my display board. My aunt even got a poster for me from a store that showed the advertisement of the Museum display. These are collector's items now. She also bought me a sketch book for my birthday that showed Emily Carr. We bought a video on her life and I had this showing during the Fair. We bought lots of souvenirs.

When I came home from that trip, I rewrote the life of Emily Carr that I had used for my

previous project. I put that story on my new board and added photos that I had taken in Victoria. I also made a scrapbook with my photos from Victoria. Then I made a copy of the Elephant out of a shoebox. I dressed a doll to look like Emily Carr and made the campsite like she would have had it during her life. This was so much fun because I like to make things and do crafts. I wanted to show how different Emily Carr was to the people in Victoria.

Next year I want to continue to learn about Emily Carr and I want to learn more about her life with her sisters. I want to read "Klee Wyck and "The Book of Small". I also want to do more sketching. I didn't have time this year to sketch as much as I wanted to so over the summer I plan to take my sketch pad when I go out to our trailer at Mara Lake.

I have really enjoyed learning about Emily Carr and encourage other students to pick a topic that really interests them. Even if you don't know anything about that person, you can learn lots of really neat things if it is a subject that interests you. I liked going to Victoria and seeing, in person, the house and her paintings. This made the subject come alive for me. I enjoyed the Heritage Fair last year but my second year doing the same subject gave me so much more knowledge. Having known something about Emily Carr before our trip made it more interesting. Even my mom, aunt and cousin really enjoyed learning about Emily Carr.



