



TWO INCREDIBLY TALENTED artists with their wives, Harold Holden, wife Edna Mae and Bert Seabourn and wife Bonnie. Photos by Linda Haneborg

**THANKING HOST JOY** Reed Belt. second from Left are Brooke Haneborg, Sally Bentley and **Terri** Cooper.





GREG AND JUDY Sellmyer enjoy the works of the masters.



ANN AND BARRY Gray line up at the cashier with Joy Reed Belt.

## **JRB Art Gallery presents Best of the West Brunch**

By LINDA HANEBORG

Oklahoman Harold Holden and Austin artist Christa Blackwood are the feature artists during the JRB Art at the Elms Annual Best of the West exhibit. Both artists were on hand for the annual Prix de West Sunday brunch. They were joined by many art aficionados who appreciate and savor their talent and work.

Harold Holden, primarily known as the cowboy artist, has completed 22 public sculpture monuments in the last 20 years. I was particularly taken with a magnificent bronze titled, "Thank you Lord," a cowboy with hat in hand looking up toward heaven in gratitude. Soon I realized where I had seen this great edifice, in front of the emergency room at Integris Baptist Hospital. Harold told me that it was there that he had a lung transplant more than six years ago and he truly feels his life was saved there. Thus, his grateful tribute. What a beautiful story.

With so many events going on in OKC, several of the attendees had been to other happenings or were headed that way after shaking the hands of these artists. And, of course, grabbing more than a bite to eat and drink from the sumptuous brunch buffet. Thanks, Joy and company, for always being such gracious hosts and throwing the most fun parties!

Seen enjoying the art and libations were George Wilson, Kathy Rodgers, Meg Salyer, Sally Bentley, Jim and Narda Wilcox, Helen Ford Wallace, Arden Barrett, Terri Cooper, Brooke Haneborg, Randall Shadid, Betty Crowe, Greg and Judy Sellmyer and Barry and Ann Gray.