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Randy Bishop, 5, Melissa Beveridge, 11, and Randy Barta, 6, enjoy the crafts.

Terrace children embrace hobby art



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The Cariboo Trail Terrace is more than a place to live: it's a mini art centre where some 15 young people aged five to 15 learn some of the tricks of the trade.

Their inspiration is graphic designer Pavel Barta who is assisted by his wife Renata Bartova.

It all started in March when the couple, formerly of Czechoslovakia, decided to offer art classes to the older children. But it didn't take long for

finished their project.

"We are surprised the children are still coming to the sessions," said Bartova. "I thought after three weeks, they'd stop

coming, and that we would stop classes after our exhibition."

The exhibition came and went, and it seems the enthusiasm will carry

the "Hobby Time" well into the end of the month.

Parent Janet Hay is thrilled with the program and is delighted to see the response from

her six-year-old son Douglas. "He loves coming here. He's made all kinds of neat things like airplanes, drawings and tepees. It's terrific."

the little ones to catch on that there was real action taking place at the studio.

Every Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 the youngsters with friends and visitors gather and learn to make interesting paper structures. From designs by Barta, the budding artists have made tepees, windmills, jeeps, boats and houses.

And it seems the smaller children are taking to the classes like ducks to water.

"They are the most enthusiastic," said Bartova. "The small children stay until they're



Pavel Barta examines a paper model of a Jeep.



Graphic designer Pavel Barta (left) helps children at Cariboo Trail Terrace create fanciful art projects.