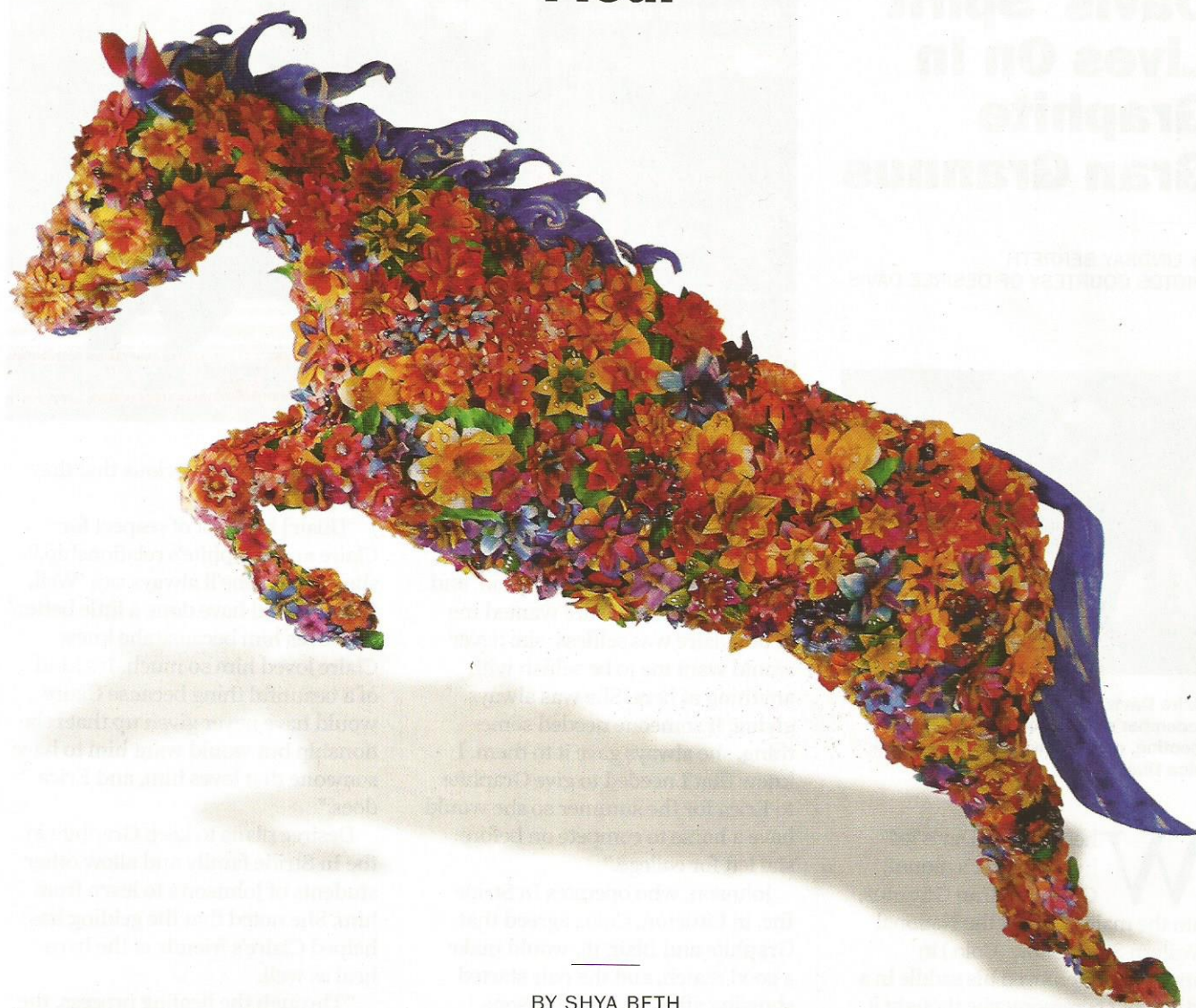


Fleur



BY SHYA BETH

Ever since she can remember, 13-year-old Shya Beth has loved art. So when she saw the Fédération Equestre Internationale's announcement in May that they were hosting a photo contest before the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (France), she got to work.

Inspired by her 3-year-old Thoroughbred Matt, Beth created *Fleur* out of wood, Styrofoam, bamboo, chicken wire, a 10' roll of recycled printing paper and hundreds of handmade flowers. The work is 6'10" x 8'10".

A lover of equine art, Beth, Lafayette, N.J., was inspired by the equine artists she found online and started her own blog, The Flying Shetlands, where she posts weekly about different pieces that inspire her.

When she's not working on her art, Beth, who is homeschooled, can be found on her family farm riding, driving her Shetland pony or working with her local 4-H Club, Back In The Saddle.

Visit Beth's blog at <http://theflyingsbetlands.wordpress.com>.



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