

Needlecrafter chosen to work on heritage art



Judy Chicago, whose much-heralded large scale art work "The Dinner Party" continues on its tour across the country, is already at work on "The Birth Project."

Her new work, as "The Dinner Party," will require a vast collaboration of artists and craftswomen.

One of those craftswomen will be Lois Bro, a Farmington resident and teacher in Farmington Community Center.

Ms. Bro has been recruited by the artist to embroider a four-part piece called "The Crowning."

Ms. Chicago will work on "The Birth Project" much the same as she did with "The Dinner Party," controlling all aspects of her project to ensure visual consistency.

"The Dinner Party" will not stop in Detroit on its tour, but a film telling

about the five-year project will be shown along with a dinner prepared by Schoolcraft College's culinary arts department on Sept. 22.

Inquiries will be taken by calling the college at 591-6400, ext. 265.

MRS. BRO will contribute her expertise to "The Birth Project" working in mola, a reverse applique technique stemming from the Cuna Indians in Panama.

She will use an array of stitches, drawing from her highly developed skill and knowledge of needlework techniques. Though Ms. Chicago insists on control, she is open to the artist's interpretation.

Ms. Bro received her bachelor of fine arts degree in sculpture from the Center for Creative Studies while pursuing a minor in fabric design.

Her background includes work in textiles, quilting, batik, silk screening, mola and soft sculpture.

Her "Soft Sculpture Baby" is pictured in Carolyn Hall's recently published book, "Soft Sculpture" (Davis Publishing Co., 1981).

Ms. Chicago considers embroidery a women's heritage, and that the visual qualities of different types of embroidery are part of the iconography expressing something about each woman's experience.

"To work on Judy Chicago's project is a growth experience that will enrich my life," Ms. Bro said.

"I'm honored to take part in a work of art that makes women's heritage more relevant."

This fall, Mrs. Bro will be back in the Farmington Community Center, offering a sculpture class in terra cotta.



Lois Bro honored needlecrafter

Marc makes the finals in 'Camelot' tryout

Marc A. Tenenbaum of Farmington Hills is one of 10 finalists selected at local auditions in Masonic Temple Theatre for the role of young Sir Tom of Warwick in "Camelot," which plays there through Sept. 27.

Marc, 12, has starred in a number of stage and film productions, including

the role of Tiny Tim in "Ebenezer" performed at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Marc has also worked extensively with drama classes in Farmington Community Center and has participated in school musicals, portraying Curly in "Oklahoma" and the lead in "The Pied Piper."

His film debut includes a lead role in an instructional television series entitled "Under the Yellow Balloon," and a film produced for Mount Carmel Hospital.

If Marc is cast as young Tom of Warwick, he will have the opportunity to play opposite Richard Harris for 10

days during the Detroit engagement. The final selection will be made prior to the show's opening.

Tickets for the Detroit engagement, which opens Sept. 11 are on sale now at the box office and all CTC outlets.

Camping trip planned for learning disabled

The faculty and students of The Adventure School will take a four-day camping trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula in early fall. The Birmingham-based school is a non-profit, non-denominational, independent school for

learning-disabled students.

The trip is designed to help the staff establish a positive relationship with the students in the common experience of both viewing the beauty and learning the history of the state.

The school concentrates on developing academic skills while building self-esteem and character. The students are involved in the program for varying lengths of time, depending on the severity of their deficiencies.

Adventure school is in its second year of operation in the former St. Columban School, 1775 Melton.

Inquiries will be taken by the headmaster, Gary Pedersen, 642-1150.

The dinner party

A candlelight dinner prepared by Master Chef Robert Breithaupt and the culinary arts department of Schoolcraft College will celebrate the unusual artwork by Judy Chicago on Sept. 22 in the college. Guests will view a film about "The Dinner Party," depicting the five-year project worked on by about 400 artists, craftspersons and researchers that culminated with a giant table with place settings. Each setting represents a woman of historical significance using sculptured plates and needlework runners appropriate to her era. Tickets are \$20 each now on sale in the college bookstore. Reservations will be taken by calling the college, 591-6400, ext. 265.

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