

# Local artists give their views of 'Our Town'

Every part of Rochester has a story attached to it. Some of the stories date to Rochester's becoming a city 11 years ago. Others date back to its becoming a village 111 years ago.

Area artists have captured much of the charm of Rochester's history in different art mediums. Their fantasies and realistic views of the city will be displayed in an art exhibit "Rochester: our Town, Your Town" at Objects and Images, Fourth Street at East Street, in Rochester from April 9-28.

Paintings, fibers and pottery will portray images of Rochester. They will be available for viewing from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays-Saturdays. The artists involved in the show are painter Rita Skoczen of Avon Township, potter Wayne Andrews from Avon Township, painter Charles Gatewood from Avon Township, potter Nancy Burroughs from Troy, painter Donna Beaubien from Troy, painter

Judith McNea of Southfield, weaver Dale Birchler of Sterling Heights, stained glass artist Pat Smith of Birmingham and potter Anastasia Stuchter of Pleasant Ridge.

Among the historical works on display will be the barn paintings by Ms. Skoczen. She painted the landscapes because "The fields you can feast your eyes on are disappearing," she said.

"There's nothing as beautiful as seeing a field and seeing it change with the seasons."

To find fields, she drives north of Rochester. Particularly picturesque fields are plentiful in areas surrounding Lake Orion, Ms. Skoczen said.

One scene she painted, titled "Winter on Lake George," she discovered after getting out of her car and looking down into a valley.

Margaret Glinke, one of the proprietors of the art gallery, said the gallery is sponsoring the show because,



This detail of the old sheep barn shows the old-time charm Rita Skoczen captures in her paintings.

"We're very much a part of downtown Rochester. Preserving the old is a feeling we want to promote."

# Top fiddler bound for Oakland campus

Jean-Luc Ponty, the popular jazz-rock violinist who is known as the world's leading fiddler, will perform on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, Tuesday, April 18, at 8 p.m. As an extra attraction, Larry Coryell will perform as the special guest star.

Born in the Normandy region of France, Jean-Luc Ponty began his musical training at the age of five with his parents. His father was a violin professor and his mother taught piano. Ponty learned classical music before he moved on to jazz and eventually combined his style to jazz-rock. Ponty's last album, "Imaginary Voy-

age," was a smashing success. Tickets for the concert are priced at \$8 for OU students and \$6 for the general public. All tickets are \$6 the day of the show. The seats are general admission and the doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Tickets are available at Hudson's, Oakland University's campus ticket office, Full Moon Records in Rochester and Pontiac, Peaches Records, Dearborn and Fraser, and Schoolkids Records in Ann Arbor. The event is sponsored by UNICOR, the university concert lecture board. For further information, call 377-2020.

# Mercy students shine in safety poster contest

Our Lady of Mercy students once again walked away with the top prizes in the annual traffic safety poster contest sponsored by the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Six of the 21 state winners who received U.S. savings bonds were Mercy students. The top awards were received by the Farmington students for various poster themes submitted in the senior and junior divisions.

Among the 3,500 entries from across Michigan, 257 were submitted by Mercy students, says Sr. Mary Ignatius, art instructor.

First place winners who receive \$100 savings bonds are Kathleen Reilly, 9th grade student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Reilly of Detroit, and Eileen McCarthy, 9th grade student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCarthy of Farmington Hills.

"Yield Right of Way to Other Road Users" was Ms. Reilly's theme, while Ms. McCarthy's poster was under the

theme, "Cyclists—Keep Right to be Right."

Second place winners who received \$75 savings bonds were Ann Marie Nido, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nido of Southfield; and Lisa Johnson, 9th grade student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Detroit.

Both students chose the subject "Cyclists—Keep Right to be Right."

Third place awards of \$25 savings bonds went to Patricia Young, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Young of Livonia for "Yield Right of Way to Other Road Users" and Karen Klimkowski, 9th grade student and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Klimkowski of West Bloomfield, for "Cyclists—Keep Right to be Right."

The young Michigan artists will receive their awards at a special presentation in May following announcement of winners in the national competition.

# Sculpture forum hosted

New, public sculpture, its forms and attitudes, is the subject of a public forum at Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, April 16.

The speakers include: Robert Pincus-Witten, art critic and scholar; Wolf Von Eckardt, Washington Post architecture editor; Fred Myers, Grand Rapids Art Museum director; Linda Cathcart, Albright-Knox Art Gallery curator; and Michael Hall, Cranbrook Academy of Art sculpture department chairman.

Hall will discuss "Regionalism in Current Mid-West Sculpture." Myers will talk about "Sculpture Bought by

the People's Money: The Grand Rapids Cane History," and the panel discussion will be "Public Sculpture: Reassessment for the '80s."

The forum is one of a four-part series on sculpture at Cranbrook this spring. Concurrent with the forum there are two museum exhibitions, "Project: New Urban Monuments" which is a show of drawings and maquettes organized by the Akron Art Institute and the Cranbrook Academy of Art student show, "Private Parts in Public Places."

Reservations are necessary for the sculpture forum.

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