

# Painter re-creates a pleasant past

By CORINNE ABATT

Visitors to the Sholem Aleichem Institute art show and sale Feb. 9-11 might logically assume there are two artists named Constance Powell.

The artist from Beverly Hills who has been in this show for about five years running paints in two distinct styles. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and mother of four children, she does both abstract and realistic paintings.

The abstract are often a combination of watercolor, ink, acrylic and collage materials—usually a landscape.

"I like the way collage and aqueous materials interact," Ms. Powell said looking at one of her paintings on the wall of her living room.

HER WATERCOLOR AND pen and ink works have both architectural and painterly qualities about them. Many are of local places as they looked 50 or more years ago. Ms. Powell is an avid researcher who has spent long hours in the Burton Historical Collection looking for pictures and descriptions of Detroit as it once looked.

Her interest was piqued when she saw now and then pictures of Detroit in one of the daily papers.

"I've researched how things looked before some of the buildings were torn down or burned down," she said. "Detroit looked like such a charming place. You see," she added, "I come from an old town in New England where the buildings date from 1600, and I've al-

ways been interested in how things looked in the past.

Sometimes the buildings and houses on the streets she recreates with her pen and brush are still standing. To her delight, some of the fine old homes which she depicts in a state of decay have since been renovated to their former elegance.

During the years when she was full-time mother and homemaker, Ms. Powell didn't follow her career as an artist. But, about six years ago, she began to get back to the work she loved.

SHE TOOK REFRESHER courses from Mary Jane Bigler at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association and studied with the late Will Slocum whom she said "really encouraged me."

Along with Slocum's good words about her work came an acceptance in a Michigan Watercolor Show. This furnished the inspiration to keep her going. The next year one of her pieces was again accepted into that statewide event and she was on her way.

The Sholem Aleichem Institute's 16th annual art show and sale will be held at the Shenandoah Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake, between Farmington and Drake, West Bloomfield.

Hours are Friday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 the hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 11, the show will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Constance Powell of Beverly Hills has two approaches to her art — one is abstract, the other realistic.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special election will be held in Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on Tuesday the 13th day of February, 1979, for the purpose of submitting the following proposition:

In order to renew the one and three-fourths (1 3/4) mill operating tax increase which expired in 1978, shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of Michigan, for a period of nine (9) years from 1979 to 1987, both inclusive, by one and three-fourths (1 3/4) mills on each dollar (\$1.75 per \$1,000) of assessed valuation of property as finally equalized, for the purpose of defraying a part of the operation expense of the school district?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the polls for said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and that the voting places will be as follows:

- Precinct No. 1: Farmington Training Center (former Farmington Jr. High School)  
33000 Thomas Street  
Precinct No. 2: Durschel Junior High School  
32800 Twelve Mile  
Precinct No. 3: Warner Junior High School  
33000 West Fourteen Mile Road  
Precinct No. 4: East Junior High School  
25000 Middlebelt Road

The following statement has been received from the County Treasurer as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the school district, to-wit:

### COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUESTED BY ACT NO. 82 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1963 AS AMENDED

I, C. Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of December 4, 1978, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, is as follows:

Local	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
Farmington Public School District	5.00	1973 to 1982 Incl.
	5.00	1974 to 1983 Incl.
	4.00	1975 to 1984 Incl.
	4.00	1976 to 1985 Incl.
	4.00	1977 to 1986 Incl.
	1.75	1977 to 1978 Incl.
	4.00	1978 to 1987 Incl.
Township of West Bloomfield	.25	1975 to 1979 Incl.
	1.00	Unlimited.
	3.00	1978 to 1982 Incl.
	.25	1980 to 1984 Incl.
County School District of Oakland County	.50	Unlimited
	.50	Unlimited
	.50	Unlimited
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.25	1977 to 1981 Incl.

C. HUGH DOHANY, Treasurer  
Oakland County

Dated: December 4, 1978

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

EMMA S. MAKINEN  
Secretary of the Board of Education

Published: January 29 and February 8, 1979



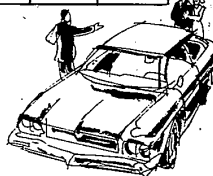
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