

# EXHIBITIONS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

**Altea Rubiner Gallery** — A one-woman exhibit of circle paintings in watercolor by Aviva Robinson of Bloomfield Hills will continue through Oct. 5. This is her fourth one-woman show at the gallery. Reception to meet the artist, 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

**Arwin Galleries** — Group show of some of the finest of Michigan artists will run through Sept. 21. This is the gallery's 21st annual "Meet the Artist" exhibit and includes new works by all of the gallery regulars — Simper, Redstone, Bjalitis, Bostick, Jerry, McChesney, Pappas, Jo Snyder, Wehrner and many more. Reception to meet the artists from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. The Arwin Galleries is at 222 Grand River West, Detroit.

**Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum** — Sculpture and prints by Louise Nevelson will be on display through Oct. 28. Titled "At Cranbrook: Nevelson," and sponsored by Bendix in cooperation with Pace Gallery of New York, the exhibit will include photographic documentation of Ms. Nevelson's recent local work, "The Bendix Trilogy," as well as many originals.

**Continuing Shows** — Troy Public Library — Off-the-loom weavings by Sharon Stehr of Troy will be on display through Sept. 29. Ms. Stehr sells well to decorators and major merchandizing firms and has designed sewing kits for national distribution. The library is at 510 W. Big Beaver just east of I-75. Hours are 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Robert Fradabi Gallery** — Exhibit of work done in the state's penitentiaries will be on display and for sale through Sept. 29. The gallery is on Level 1 of the Renaissance Center, Detroit.

**Galerie de Balcourt** — Woodcuts by Michigan artist Jane Adams are on display through Sept. 22. The artist likes to show everyday, familiar objects in a way to make them exciting and beautiful. She focuses on the beauty of her immediate surroundings. Her work is currently on exhibit at the Chicago Art Rental Division, the Kalamazoo Institute of Art and the Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago. Hours for this gallery which is located in the Fisher Building in the New Center area are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

**Sill Gallery, EMU** — This gallery on the campus of Eastern Michigan University has an exhibit of "Historic Textiles" on loan from Yaw Gallery of Birmingham. The show features 20 exhibits of fabrics and textiles from around the world. The gallery is in Sill Hall at Forest and Ballard. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

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## Braille transcribers look to fill classes

Fall classes formed to teach new volunteers the art of transcribing written material into Braille began October in Livonia, Oak Park and Farmington Hills.

Barbara Reid, speaking for the Tri-County Braille Volunteers, asked persons who have time to give in volunteer work to reminisce upon the familiar childhood game of blind man's bluff.

"With a blindfold over our eyes, we would be spun around and then grope and stumble across the room trying to zero in on one of our playmates, so somebody could be 'it,'" she said. "But in the world of sightless persons, the blindfold never comes off. 'Sunssets, stars, the flight of a bird exist only in the imagination of a blind person.'"

FOR MANY generations, reading was not something a blind person could do for himself. Now, the science of Braille opens up the world of the printed word to more and more blind people around the world every year.

The system of raised dots was developed by Louis Braille, a blind man, as a means for the blind to read more than 55 years ago.

Braille is used in textbooks, general literature, scientific journals, restaurant menus, travel schedules and greeting cards. Even the elevator buttons in many public buildings now carry Braille floor markings.

In Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties, the

Tri-County Braille Volunteers go into their 21st year of transcribing, answering requests from schools, agencies and individuals.

Math transcribing, a specialty for the veteran transcriber, begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, in Oakland County Training Center in downtown Farmington, underwritten by the Allen Park, Taylor, Northwest, Motor City, University and Westtown Lions Clubs.

The Lions Clubs, known for their work with the blind, accepted the new project because "the math transcribing is so greatly needed in this area," Mrs. Reid said.

NEWCOMERS can join a Wednesday morning class, beginning Oct. 3 in Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia; a Tuesday afternoon class starting Oct. 9 in Oak Park's Congregation Beth Shalom; or a Wednesday afternoon or Tuesday evening class beginning Oct. 2 and 3 in Nardin Park Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Practice can be done on a Braille machine in the volunteer's home. All classes meet once a week and continue throughout the regular school year.

Inquiries for newcomers will be taken by contacting Faye Isackson, 967-3362.

Certified transcribers who are interested in the new math classes are asked to contact Ruth Peters at 543-5775.

## Canyon lovers

Tourists are in danger of loving the Grand Canyon to death, and unpopular rescue measures may be needed, according to the National Geographic World magazine.

The magazine reports that concern over the Grand Canyon could bring about a quota on the number of visitors, the elimination of motorized rafts on the exciting Colorado River trips, a stiffening of resistance to major development proposals, and the pushing of visitors facilities back from the canyon rim.

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