

Versatile Ceil Surbrook is 'still exploring'

By LORAIN McCLISH

The art we k that hangs in the Quiet Room of Farmington Hills Community Library this month is the work of Ceil Surbrook, who says she is still exploring with various media.

The results of this exploring that visitors to the Quiet Room will see are examples of her pen and ink, collage, watercolor, and acrylic.



Clippings accumulated over a year's time, filed under the heading of "junk food," were assembled to create the collage Ms. Surbrook calls "We Do It All For You." (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Anchorman helps Finns celebrate anniversary

Byron MacGregor, evening news anchorman for WKBD-TV, Channel 50, acts as master of ceremony for guests who attend the Finnish Cultural Association's fifth anniversary celebration. Cocktails at 7 and dinner at 7:30 p.m. begin the evening of Saturday, Sept. 22, in commemoration of the Finnish Cultural Center's beginning five years ago at 35200 Eight Mile Rd., Farmington. Guests will dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to the music of Sax Orchestra.

"We'll have some surprises for the guests and some reminiscing about all the ups and downs we've all been through these past five years," said a spokesman for the center.

Reservations, at \$12.50 a person, are taken by calling Ruth Beaudoin, 48167.



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The award-winner said she did "some art in high school" but didn't start painting in earnest until about four years when she took lessons from Edde Joppich, who was named Farmington area's "Artist in Residence" in 1977.

Mrs. Surbrook is now vice president of Farmington Artists Club, teaches children in classes at the Livonia Y and Apogee Gallery in Canton, and is holder

of a considerable number of awards. Most of the awards, she said, came for her collages.

"When you are a third grade teacher, then busy with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sunday School, and all the rest, there is not too much time for mother," Mrs. Surbrook said of those interim years before she met Mrs. Joppich.

"But in Edde's classes, everybody is a success.

"After three or four semesters, she tells her students to get going, branch out, move."

MRS. SURBROOK moved to classes with Charles McGee, teacher at Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association, and Jerry Hapsburg, noted local portrait painter.

Ribbons an awards have come from exhibiting with Palette and Brush Club, the Pontiac Center for Creative Studies and the Hartland Show, and this summer, from Michigan State Fair.

Encouragement for the newcomer came from Farmington Artist Club she believes is unparalleled "for members helping members and learning from one another."

Two or three exhibits went by before Mrs. Surbrook had a piece that was accepted in a juried show, but "I did sell a few things," she said, "and that helped to buy a tube of paint or a frame."

She used the word "invaluable" to describe the club's workshops and critiques for its members who can't afford the time for a full semester course.



Ceil Surbrook's pen and ink drawing called "Of Earth and Air" will be shipped to Connecticut at the end of the month, a wedding gift for her niece. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

"We've had workshops in calligraphy and silk screening, in framing and matting. The club was able to arrange a life drawing workshop at Oakland Community College, and who could afford that otherwise," she said.

"BAST," (the Egyptian Cat Goddess) she cites as one of her finest pieces of pen and ink, which is semi-realistic, but later pen and inks are taking more of a turn to the abstract.

Viewers' reactions to these pieces re-

mind her of children who see different pictures when they look at clouds.

Very often the work will start out almost as doodling, then begin to take shape and "whatever happens, happens," she said.

Crafters invited to show their work

The North Farmington Garden Club invites handicrafters to join in the all area arts and crafts sale on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Arts and craftsmen may purchase table space for \$15 during the show

that will run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The participants set up their own table, set their own prices, and keep all profits.

The North Farmington Garden Club has arranged to use Dunkel Junior High School cafeteria for the show and will

be responsible for the publicity. Club members will also furnish coffee and snacks for the guests to purchase during show hours.

All proceeds the club makes from the fund-raiser will be used to continue

its on-going project of beautifying the grounds of the junior high school on 12 Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

Crafters can reserve table space by calling Carol Edwards, at 553-2314, or Flo Smith, at 553-0994.

Free photo workshop planned in library

"Get the Picture?" is the title of a free program on photography planned for 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, in Farmington Hills Community Library, co-sponsored by the library and Photo Techniques Guild, a local camera club.

A range of topics will be covered, in-

cluding the uses of different types of lenses, filters, and attachments, as well as portraits, special effects and the use of electronic flash.

Information will be given about local camera clubs, field trips and workshops. Hints on how to save money on film and film processing will be given.

The program is intended not only for the novice, but also for the amateur who wishes to improve his or her technique by trying new methods or approaches to the craft.

The major portion of the program will be a slide presentation and discussion with many examples to illustrate

points made by the speaker.

There will also be exhibits and demonstrations of various items and techniques.

Ample time will be allowed for questions and follow-up discussions. The library is at 32737 12 Mile Rd.

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