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The sampling of art works shown here is representative of the many techniques used by the artists who have contributed to the Garret Gallery's show of "Small Wonders." Above, "Teacup on a Blue Cloth" by Jerrine Habsburg is done in oils. At near right, Herb Joppie submits "Devotion," and at far right is Tom Hale's "Open Window." Ms. Habsburg and Joppie are both co-owners of Garret Gallery. Hale is one of 12 guest artists invited to participate in the show of small works, none larger than 10 by 10 inches. This is the third show of miniatures staged by the cooperative gallery.



The pen and ink drawing by Ceil Surbrooke is called "Protection." Ms. Surbrooke was chosen "Artist of the Month" by Farmington Artists Club last September. She holds a silver medal from the Scarab Club and a second place award from this year's Michigan State Fair art show.



'Small Wonders' is a show of miniature masterpieces

"Small Wonders," a holiday show of miniature masterpieces by 24 Michigan painters, printers, sculptors and ceramists, is on display now in Garret Gallery, 33310 Grand River. This is the third show of small works of art staged by the 12 members of the cooperative gallery who have invited 12 other artists to join in displaying works no larger than 10 by 10 inches. Former shows have been popular because of the quality of the art as well as the affordable prices. All pieces are priced under \$100.

The Garret is a unique walk-up gallery, operating in downtown Farmington since 1975, where the artist-owners invite visitors into their studios which

surround the gallery area.

Garret's hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The artist-owners come from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Bloomfield, Royal Oak, and Livonia. Their accomplishments include awards in many Michigan juried shows, national shows, and grants.

Some have given one-man shows. All have had paintings purchased by corporations and collectors across the U.S. All have contributed to the "Small Wonders" show which will run through Dec. 31.

EDDIE JOPPICH, speaking for the Garret, said, "The idea of scaling down is timely. Apartment dwellers need

smaller art works, and with inflation worries, the art lover can afford to own an original work by a professional artist for a scaled-down price.

"While miniatures are too big for stocking stuffers, they do make exquisite gifts for Christmas."

Mrs. Joppich is a co-owner of the Garret with Majorie Chellstorp, Dorothy Clark, Judy Gresser, Jerrine Habsburg, Herb Joppich, Gladys McMillan, Alice Nichols, Mary Souder, Barbara Turney and Beth Vasechak.

Ms. Turney most recently won the first place award in Farmington Artists Club's fall exhibit.

Guest artists include Tom Thiery, a watercolorist from Ousted, and Tom

Hale of Northville who has given an invitational one-man show in the Governors Mansion.

Guest artists Sue Young and Rozlyn Levett are both from Southfield.

The show includes works by Margaret Kelleher from Birmingham, and Linda Zalla and George Wirth, both from West Bloomfield.

Bertha Cohen brings "Small Wonders" from Bloomfield Hills, and Daryl Case comes from Novi.

Farmington Hills residents invited to the show are Eileen Aboulafia and Ceil Surbrooke.

Other contributors are Ruth Zackery from Delton and Marilyn Derwens Derwens from Mt. Clemens.

Michigan Ballet Theatre brings back holiday classic

The Michigan Ballet Theatre, a performing company member of the Mid-State Regional Ballet Association, will give its 12th annual performance of "The Nutcracker Ballet" during the pre-Christmas season.

Curtain time is at 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, and at 3 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 2 in Our Lady of Mercy High School, on 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, in Farmington.

The ballet theatre's performance of the children's classic is a comprehensive full Nutcracker production with extensive scenery and costumes. It has been a mainstay of the theatre's reper-

toire since it was first performed by the company in 1968.

It is choreographed by artistic director Evelyn Kresson, and based on a story by E. T. A. Hoffman.

When a real child visits the Kingdom of Sweets, accompanied by the toy-soldier nutcracker and meets the Sugar

Plum Fairy and her friends, the audience is left to wonder, did it really happen?

Was it only a dream? But Clara is drawn to him, to see the strange gift he has brought for her — a nutcracker made in the form of a toy soldier.

Later, Clara tiptoes back to the living room to have another look at her odd gift. The Christmas tree begins to grow to a gigantic size and the Nutcracker and the toy soldiers come to life.

They engage in battle with the Mouse King and his army, but it is Clara who saves the Nutcracker, who then becomes a handsome prince.

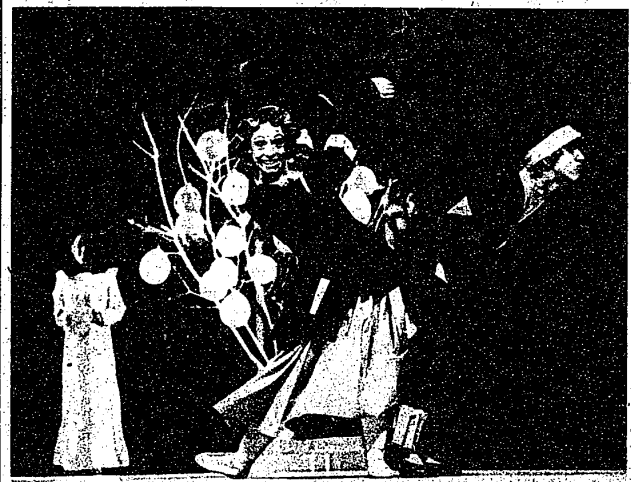
Clara's reward is a visit to the Kingdom of Sweets where she is lavishly entertained at the ballet's finale.

Advance tickets are \$4 for adults, or \$2 for students and seniors, available through Farmington Community Center, 474-8404. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Special reduced group and benefit tickets are available for the early Saturday performance, only, with advance reservations. These reservations are to be made by calling 851-6735.

Members of Michigan Ballet Theatre, based at 31315 15 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, come from throughout the metropolitan area.

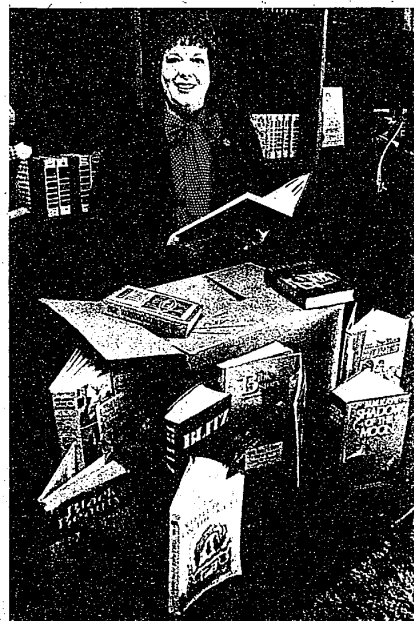
Excerpts from "The Nutcracker Ballet" can be seen with no admission charge in two malls during December: The group will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 in Orchard Mall, on 15 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. And it will perform at 6 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 in Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi.



Tove Jackson and Jeff Willacker take the spotlight for a comic number around the Sugar Plum tree in Michigan Ballet Theatre's production of

"The Nutcracker Ballet" to be performed Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2.

Staff photos by Randy Borst



Book Fair coming

Sandy Rossin, a long time volunteer for Farmington Community Center, heads up the center's first book fair Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. Shopping hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. For the event, Mrs. Rossin has gathered an impressive assortment of titles in hard and soft covers for readers of all ages. Books range in price from under \$1 on up. There is no admission charge to the fair. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)