

Incorporating sculptural forms into jewelry



Ruth Katz and Ted Striewski have formed a business alliance. He does the art work and she comes up with ways to sell it. Striewski, teacher, photographer and sculptor, has just recently started making jewelry.

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A background in sculpture is serving Ted Striewski of Birmingham well in his latest effort — jewelry making.

Striewski, member of the art faculty of Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge, lived for a number of years quite successfully with the title, "The Egg Man."

His contemporary approach to eggs, done in resin, in many different and colorful forms, attracted national attention. In his post-egg period, Striewski worked doing some unusual things with old photographs and his own photography. In fact, he won a first prize in the Michigan State Fair exhibit for his photography presentation last year.

WITH JEWELRY, STRIEWSKI has moved into a new world while drawing on past experience as an artist and sculptor.

He worked out a method to combine copper and brass in the same piece, yet maintaining the identity of each metal.

These one of a kind bracelets, rings, pins, belt buckles and pendants for both men and women involve many steps from beginning to completion — welding, brazing, grinding, soldering and polishing. He frequently uses copper wire with brass or may include brass nuts and bolts, arrange other scraps of brass and copper and "melt it down to see what I get."

He smiled and said, "It's an accidental process, but I need to set up the accident."

They look and feel like small sculptures, smooth, polished and pleasingly weighted and balanced in both design and size. They are handsomely finished on all sides and edges. Strong and bold, they have the aesthetic qualities of a fine work of art.

The merchandising of the jewelry was another challenge. Ruth Katz has been working with Striewski as artist representative.

While the artist has been showing his jewelry at art fairs (Art on Hart during the GOP convention and Apple Square, June 28-29, are the next ones on the summer list) Ms. Katz has been successful in arranging private showings.



Buckles (left) and the ring (below) all show the artist's extensive background in the arts, particularly in sculpture. The bronze and copper forms develop with an experienced kind of random planning.



THE COLLECTION IS presented to groups upon request — anything from bridge clubs to art collectors in an afternoon or evening get-together with refreshments, kind of a Tupperware approach for fine arts.

While many jewelry makers take their inspiration from large sculpture and scale down, Striewski is

doing the opposite. He is doing sculpture based on his jewelry designs and scaling up.

His work is also at the Artists Market in Detroit, the Mill Gallery in Milford and the Peaceable Kingdom in Ann Arbor.

Those interested in a private showing may call Striewski, 645-0873.

club circuit

LADIES AUXILIARIES TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS in Michigan met in Traverse City last week for its 53rd annual state convention.

Delegates from Broadhead Farmington Hills Auxiliary 2265 were Virginia Cadeau, Jean Telford, Irene Johnson, Irene Cauther, Joan Simonson, Alice Tripp and Florence Allen. Ms. Cadeau is president of the local group and Ms. Telford is president-elect.

The convention drew 1,500 delegates and officers who represented about 30,000 members from the 309 units in Michigan.

Leona Wolschon of Oak Park is president of the state organization. Marlon Watson of Louisville, Ky., will assume the presidency of the national organization this fall.

FARMINGTON KIWANIS was represented by Lloyd and Dorothy Smith, 34199 State, Farmington, during Kiwanis International 65th annual convention late last month in Anaheim, Cal.

Lloyd Smith is chairman of the music committee of Michigan District of Kiwanis International.

The worldwide service organization has 300,000 members in 7,500 clubs in 69 countries.

FARMINGTON AMATEUR RADIO

CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 in Room 101-G, Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee Road. All meetings scheduled by the group are open to all persons interested in amateur radio.

FOCUS ON LIVING (with cancer) meet at 7:30 p.m. July 10 in Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road.

The purpose of the self-help group is

to bring together patients and family members who have questions or are experiencing problems as a result of living with cancer.

Participants are encouraged to discuss their mutual problems in a positive manner.

The group is sponsored by American Cancer Society whose Michigan headquarters are located at 29500 Southfield Road, Southfield.

CHILDBIRTH WITHOUT PAIN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION sponsors a film showing at 8 p.m. July 11 in Berkeley High School Little Theatre, on Catalpa, east of Coolidge.

The film shows the birth of a baby demonstrating the Lamaze-Pavlov (psychoprophylactic) method of childbirth and the preparation which led to it, as practiced in the group's program.

Only adults will be admitted. A donation of \$1 will be asked at the door.

Women's Aglow Fellowship hosts seminar July 10-11

The Farmington chapter of Women's Aglow Fellowship invite area women to join in a two-day seminar which runs from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 10-11 in Mercy Conference Center.

"This is a time for women of all faiths to come together for spiritual, physical and emotional renewal," said Dorothy Welland speaking for the group.

"The purpose of the seminar is to

bring women into a closer, personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. You do not have to be a member of an Aglow Chapter to attend.

"Come and be with us as we lift Jesus up in our midst."

Lunch is included in the \$15 per day fee. Breakfast is optional for \$3. Overnight double-occupancy accommodations are available by reservation only for \$8 per person.

Guest speaker for the two days is

Bible teacher Marilyn Hickey. The seminar is rounded out with worship services and cluster groups formed in the center's formal lounge.

MRS. HICKEY is the wife of the pastor of Happy Church in Denver, Col. She is known for her work as a Bible teacher, author, and radio personality. She has traveled extensively hosting Word Power seminars and is renowned for her ability to teach the Bible so that it may be applied in a practical way.

Her most recently published book is called "Treading With Angels."

She is heard on about 100 radio stations in the U.S. She is heard in the Detroit area Monday through Friday on WMUZ-FM at 11:15 p.m. and WEXL-AM at 2:15 p.m.

Registration blanks for the seminar will be sent upon request by calling Laurel Flaughter, 626-6577.

Mercy Conference Center is located on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road.

Laura Gabel wins award

North Farmington High School student Laura Gabel is the recipient of a Certificate of Excellence, given by the French Embassy, for her work in French.

The junior was one of 120 semi-finalists in a scholarship competition sponsored by American Association of Teachers of French.

Myrtle May honored

Myrtle P. May was one of 64 employees honored during Hutzel Hospital Service Awards dinner.

Ms. May, a Farmington resident and supervisor of the hospital's outpatient department, was cited for her 15 years of service at the Detroit Medical Center health care facility.



6 Rms Riv Vu

Barbara Lynn Bean and John Powers take the lead roles in "6 Rms Riv Vu," which runs for eight summer Saturdays in Detroit's Paradiso Dinner Theatre. Both are residents of Farmington. Dinner is

served at 7 p.m. and curtain time is 8:30 p.m. in the cafe at 17630 Woodward. Reservations will be taken by calling the cafe, 869-3988. The show runs through Aug. 15. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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