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## Triad

# Hills' newest gallery opens with 1-man show

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Irving Fischer opens Farmington Hills' newest art gallery with a one-man show of the works of Ann Arbor artist James Wolf that remains on display through Wednesday.

One-man shows will be an integral part of Triad Gallery, which opened this month in Orchard-12 Plaza on the northwest corner of the intersection. "Within a short while we'll be starting a coffee and conversation night. We'll schedule these for after the gallery is closed for informal talks with various Michigan artists," he said.

Fischer is an artist, an art salesman, a dealer for those interested in art as an investment, and works as an interior decorator for commercial clients.

"He knows art and he knows art history," said Ruth Kilmer, Triad's assistant manager and salesperson.

"Everyone connected with the gallery is involved in quality art, one way or another, and is anxious to show good art in the community," she said.

Her statement also applied to herself. A recent Michigan State University graduate who majored in art, Ms. Kilmer said she felt "very lucky to be able to connect to a job this fast" that surrounded her with the people and the talent she is meeting and working with in Triad.

JAMES WOLF is a native of Michigan, educated at Cranbrook and Oakland University, who says, "I keep leaving the state but I keep coming back."

Just recently back from South America, the show at Triad is his first in two years.

"An artist can only paint about what he knows," he said in the midst of placing canvases showing scenes, people, architecture and landscape of the Latin countries.

"This is not a conceptual show. It's a painter's show — just raw-boned painting," Wolf said.

His paintings fall into no particular style nor area of study. Pointing to one canvas in the show, he said his goal was to see "how fast I could catch the sunlight."

"Even though I always come back with 12 packs of film, it's important to remember why you wanted to paint that scene in the first place. A lot of artists lose that. I concentrate on the why. The style is not important," he said.

Wolf played guitar with a rock and roll band for a while, worked for a while as a sculptor, worked for a while as a commercial artist.

"But then I'll run off to some island and always come back to painting," he said.

TRIAD GALLERY, sub-titled The Art Shoppe, is now representing 30 Michigan artists.

In addition to Wolf, among the better-known artists in the metropolitan area on the Triad roster are Anna Mucic of Detroit; Jean Harding Brown of Royal Oak; and Avedis Khantian of Bloomfield Hills.

Triad hours are from noon to 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; noon to 9

p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Inquiries will be taken by calling Triad at 553-0860.



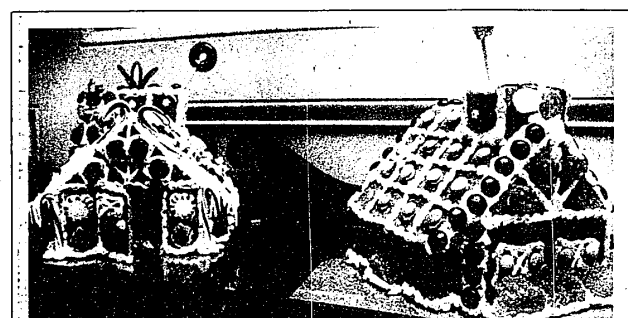
The works of 30 Michigan artists, all of whom will be represented by Triad, are in the gallery now in the new Orchard-12 Plaza. At left are sculptures by Ebb Haycock. At right is a painting by Mel Green whose work is reminiscent of Picasso. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)



An overall view of the new gallery shows the variety of art media available. The focal point of the gallery is the copper dragon just behind Triad's assistant manager, Ruth Kilmer. The cut-out pieces of copper with Oriental motif form the figure on a black screen by Richard Bennet. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)



James Wolf's canvases are large, as the picture shows. The Ann Arbor artist said the painting of the South American scene was representational of all the works he's displaying in Triad's first one-man show. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)



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