

Southfield's annual fine art show opens Sunday

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staff writer

"There is no finer teacher than one who can take you by the hand and lead you to the peaceful place where you can understand."

This tribute, by a student who illustrated a book of sonnets, was written for the man who had taught her about art, Leo Dworkin.

For Dworkin, it's hard to figure out whether finishing a work of his own or watching a student complete something is the bigger "high."

"Anyone significant in the art field eventually has to break away from his teachers," he contends. "I always begin semesters by telling my students that here, in my class, they must learn to be themselves."

Dworkin, a resident of Southfield,

who is currently head of the arts and humanities studies at Oakland Community College's southeast region, is also co-chairman of the City of Southfield's 2nd Annual Fine Art Show and Sale.

Scheduled to run from May 30 to June 4, the show will feature all media and will exhibit close to 200 pieces of art in the Southfield Pavilion.

"Anybody who isn't out of town on the holiday weekend should come to the opening from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday," Dworkin says.

Dworkin concedes that he's a creative person, but adds: "The epitome of my life goals is to help others find achievement through creativity."

LAST YEAR in the first of the city's fine arts shows, an acrylic painting of his own took third prize.

Calling himself "an introvert" who

has been helped by teaching and by art, Dworkin admits for years his own work was undertaken, completed, then either given away or relegated to the basement.

"Entering exhibitions myself is really better than stockpiling stuff in the basement," he says, adding the next rung on his personal ladder to be found in gallery representation.

The 55-year-old Detroit native does sculpture and photography as well as painting. "The medium I use depends upon what I want to express. Art expresses a human being's best idea of reality as they understand it."

Dworkin was headed for a career in qualitative chemistry when he was lured into the arts. This was mainly through the influence of early teachers such as G. Alden Smith.

"I got a portrait exhibited at the Art Institute when I was only 17," he recalls.

Later, he did some crayon works and an art teacher asked him if he were interested in teaching. "I replied I didn't even know if I liked children, so she asked if I needed a job. She got me two."

DWORKIN holds several degrees including a Ph.D. He was a high school teacher in Detroit and Oak Park before coming to Oakland Community College as assistant to the president in 1969.

One of the first high school teachers in the country to teach photography, he has also won honors for his own work in that medium.

Formerly, he was coordinator of the Consortium for Educational Thinking for the Wayne County Intermediate School District. "My function was to dream up new ideas, principally for the educationally deprived."

Dworkin served as president of the Oakland Art Education Association and was the founder of a group to research how people seek meaning.

"This was one of my most exciting experiences," he says. "I lectured all over the country."

He and his wife, Alva, a child development consultant met through art then married in 1950. They have a grown daughter and son and two grandchildren.

"My students called me 'Doctor D' or 'Doc,'" says Dworkin who plays down his reputation as one of the most popu-

lar art teachers at all four OCC campuses.

Presently, he is busily involved in the finishing touches of the forthcoming show with Ben Glicker, also a co-chairperson. Ruth Africh, chairperson, is presently on a visit to Yugoslavia.

THE SHOW is co-sponsored by the Southfield Council, the Department of Parks and Recreation's cultural arts division, headed by Marlowe Belanger, the Southfield Arts Council and the Southfield Arts Co-Op.

"It is being double juried," Dworkin explains. "Judges Louise Janson Nobili (Wayne State University Fine Arts) and Leo Mardirosian (Center for Creative Studies) have looked both at slides and then the actual object."

Prizes include a \$300 first prize; a \$200 second prize; and a third prize of \$100. Special prizes, purchase prizes and awards of excellence will also be presented.

Artists participating are, from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. Their works are all original in concept and execution and have never before been shown in Southfield.

Marlowe Belanger, director of the cultural arts division, says there has been a concerted effort to upgrade the show this year.

"We have new, larger flats, rimmed in aluminum that are seven by eight feet and can be hinged together," she says.

"That means we can feature larger pieces which can show to advantage in



Marlowe Belanger, a Farmington Hills resident and head of Southfield's Cultural Arts Division, will oversee that city's second annual Fine Art Show and Sale. The show opens at 6 p.m. Sunday and continues from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily through June 4.

Kane to be ordained

A Farmington resident will be among 92 men and women receiving graduate degrees from St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth, at ceremonies in the seminary chapel, Saturday, May 29.

Timothy J. Kane, son of Marie C. and the late John L. Kane, of Farmington

Hills, will be awarded the master of divinity degree following his ordination to the diaconate at the seminary, May 28. He will serve his deacon internship at St. Patrick Church, Wyandotte.

Born in Detroit, March 23, 1956, Kane attended St. Robert Ballarmin Elementary, Bishop Borgess High School and the University of Detroit. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Sacred Heart Seminary College in 1978. He also attended the University of Michigan. Kane is a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

The Rev. Robert A. Mitchell, S.J., president of University of Detroit, will be the speaker at St. John's ceremonies for the conferring 76 masters of divinity and 16 masters of theological studies. Ten graduates are women.

The only Roman Catholic provincial seminary in the United States and the only accredited graduate theologate in southeastern Michigan, St. John's serves the seven Roman Catholic dioceses of Michigan in preparing men for the priesthood. Since 1976 the seminary has been open to men and women. The seminary is accredited by North Central Association and the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada.



Timothy Kane

Service set at U-U church

"Confessions of a WASP" is the name of the sermon set for 10 a.m. Sunday in Universalist-Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted.

The sermon will be delivered by Dr. Charles Kahn-Schneider, professor of physical chemistry and husband of the

minister of the church.

"You often hear the expression, 'I've always been a U-U and didn't know it,'" Dr. Kahn-Schneider said. "I will relate my journey from a WASP to a U-U by way of mysticism, Zen, Maslow, Therapy X and Alan Watts."

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