

Finding subjects close to home

Suzanne Brukwinski of Livonia is one of many area residents who have entered the "Nature in the Suburbs" color photo contest sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Deadline for entries is July 29. Contestants may enter color slides taken after July 29, 1982 and before July 29, 1983. The photo may be taken anywhere you find nature — along a road, in a park, an open field or your own backyard.

Slides should be marked with name, address and phone number and will be returned only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Submit entries to: Color Photo Contest, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

FIRST prize is \$40 cash and the winning photo enlarged and framed, second place prize is \$20 cash and third place prize is \$10 cash. Honorable mention certificates will also be awarded.

But, now back to this up and coming amateur whose photograph, printed in black and white is featured here today. She has been shooting nature photographs for 10 years. One of her pictures

of reflected trees is featured in the centerfold of the recent Reader's Photo Issue of Michigan Natural Resources Magazine.

Brukwinski, an employee in the production department of CBS Fox Video in Farmington Hills, is a true nature enthusiast. She and her husband are avid outdoor people who enjoy hiking, camping, and, of course, photographing the beauty of it all.

SHE firmly believes in photographing around the metropolitan Detroit area.

"You don't have to go up north to get good shots," she said. "I especially enjoy visiting the Metro Parks. I go all seasons to get a better perspective of nature. If you look closely, there are even exciting subjects in your own backyard."

Her goal? "I would like to learn more about the technical side of photography. With a fine arts degree from Wayne State, I've learned to visualize. Now, I'd like to get it all on film."

If the photograph shown here is any indication, she's on her way.

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Kensington Park was the site for this picture of wildflowers highlighted by the sun. Using Kodachrome film, Suzanne Brukwinski had to override the camera's automatic meter to compensate for the bright sun. In this case, she underexposed.



photography

Monte Nagler

Short shots

• Columnist Monte Nagler will teach his four-week basic photography course at the Farmington Community Center beginning Tuesday, June 21. For registration information, call 477-8404.

• "Summer Photo Walk" will be held at Independence Oaks County Park 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday. Photographers sharing their expertise will be Bill Barnard and Hartley Anglin. Those attending should bring their own camera and film.

Meet at the boat rental building. Cost is the park entry fee, \$2.50 per car for Oakland County residents and \$4 for non-residents.

Independence Oaks County Park is on Sashabaw Road, 2½ miles north of I-74 near Clarkston. Preregistration required. Call 858-0903 or 625-0877 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Hudson's is looking for photo-

graphs of Michigan people, places and things for a "Great Lakes Living" pictorial calendar which will be published and sold next fall. There will be 13 photos selected and each winning photographer will receive a \$100 United States Savings Bond. Open to all amateur photographers. Entries must be at least 5-by-7-inch color prints. Entries are available in Hudson's camera department. All entries must be received by June 18.

• Cranbrook Gardens Photo Contest is open now through Oct. 31. For the third year in a row, the Gardens Auxiliary is sponsoring a competition designed to promote photography as an art and encourage garden visitation.

Entry forms are available at the entrance to the gardens, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Cranbrook Gardens, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, 48013.

Artists honor scholarship winner

When the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors opens its show at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association June 18, a scholarship winner, Mary Ellen Croci, will be an honored guest.

Showing with the Detroit group will be the Birmingham Sculptors Guild. Croci, Westland resident, 1971 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and now a student at Center for Creative Studies, received a \$300 award from the Detroit club which is the oldest art organization in the Midwest. Mary Chase Stratton, founder of Pewabic Pottery in Detroit, was a founding member.

Current president, Berta Leone, said, "It was started for the same reason women artists get together today, so they could talk about their art and share ideas."

Leone said the yearly scholarships are given alternately to students from Wayne State University and Center for Creative Studies.

Croci was the unanimous choice of the selection committee and Leone said while praising Croci and her work, "She's done it the hard way."

Croci, who will show a pen and ink, "Fini chorus Line," has a suite of three dry point works in a miniature print show exhibit that is traveling the country through the auspices of the Pratt-Manhattan Center Gallery.

THE SHOW by the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors and the Birmingham Sculptors Guild traditionally offers a wide variety of two and three dimensional works by many members of the two organizations.

Juror for the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors will be Igor Beghin, associate professor of art, Eastern Michigan University. Beghin has exhibited widely and his works are in many private and corporate collections.

Sculptor Don Snyder of Birmingham will judge the Birmingham Sculptors

Guild entries.

Snyder's "Sunday Afternoon," a seven-foot stainless steel sculpture, is in the William Clay Ford collection at Pontiac Silverdome.

A reception to open the joint "Paint n' Sculpt" show will be 2-5 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

A poignant footnote to this exhibition story is the presence of a small watercolor, "Last Edition" first exhibited in a 1906 exhibition put on by the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors.

It came to the organization by way of a woman on the West Coast who found the facts about it on the reverse side and contacted the Detroit Public Library to find out if the Society was still in existence. It was done by a founder member from Windsor.

It was purchased and is now in the care of the current president, who will see that it hangs in each annual exhibit to maintain a sense of history and continuity.



Mary Ellen Croci

Opportunities

• SCULPTORS — Macomb Community College Center for the Performing Arts is accepting requests for proposal applications for two major commissioned sculptures, no later than Monday.

There is a \$30,000 budget for a fountain sculpture to be constructed in a 60-foot circular island adjacent to the center, Hall and Garfield, Clinton Township.

In addition there is \$5,000 budgeted for a lobby sculpture for the Center for Performing Arts commemorating the work of a patron of the arts within the community.

To obtain applications, write or call Larry Teal, executive director, Macomb Community College Center

for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Mt. Clemens, 48044 or call 266-2222, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

• PAINTERS — Entries are now being accepted for the fourth annual Michigan Wildlife Artist of the Year competition. Deadline for entries is Sept. 2.

Winner will receive \$1,000 cash prize and the painting reproduced on the cover of "Michigan Outdoors," the monthly magazine published by Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the sponsoring organization.

For entry blanks and rules, write Thomas M. Smith, MUCC, Box 30235 Lansing 48909



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