

## Local artist salutes U.S. space program

West Bloomfield Artist Mary Beard-Detroit recently made a figurative leap into outer space. An exhibit of her latest work, "Space and Things," is now traveling to NASA Space Centers throughout the country.

Beard-Detroit's imaginative paintings, themselves a product of the technological age, are a tribute to women in space and this country's space programs.

Beard-Detroit does her acrylic and color images by first painting on 35mm blank slides which are then blown up, Xeroxed and ironed on German etching paper.

The works are untitled as the artist prefers her viewers bring their personal feelings to her images which float within a trapezoid shaped framework.

"Space and Things" was exhibited at the Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas, the Alabama Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Ala. and will open

at Langley Station, Hampton, Va, Sept. 1.

From there it will travel to Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif. for a month-long exhibit beginning Oct. 15.

None of the works in "Space and Things" are for sale. They were done by the artist purely as a salute to American space pioneers, particularly Sally Ride, the first American woman in space. The exhibit was shown first at Viridian Gallery of New York City and

Michigan Space Center, Jackson.

Beard-Detroit's work has been exhibited widely in universities in the United States as well as at the Riverside Museum and the World Trade Center of New York City and galleries in metropolitan Detroit, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Kenya, East Africa, France and Italy.

## Fall festival returns for 3-day stay

A giant fireworks display will kick off the annual West Bloomfield Fall Festival, a community celebration given again this year on the grounds of Henry Ford Hospital's West Bloomfield Center on Maple Road west of Drake. Festival hours are 6-10 p.m. Friday; and noon to 10 p.m., Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9-11.

The festival offers a jured arts and crafts fair, carnival rides, entertainment and food. Events include a fireworks display, a five-kilometer run, hot air balloon flights, sky divers and mock Civil War battles as well as bingo games, a kids' dog show and old-time craft demonstrations.

## Computer science offered at St. Mary's College

St. Mary College, Orchard Lake, under the direction of Diane Thansky, is offering three computer courses during the 15-week fall term, beginning Sept. 1.

Thansky says, "The purpose of the courses is to provide comfortable familiarity with microcomputers and computer programming, and to develop a level of competency in these skills. The courses are designed with students of all levels of experience in mind." Registrations will be 9-11 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 as well as on evenings of the first class, although early registration is encouraged.

Thansky holds degrees from Marygrove College and Harvard University. She was an instructor of computer science courses at Florida International University, Miami, and of classes and workshops for the Russell Associates Co. in Miami; a programmer-analyst for Resources for the Future Inc., Washington, D.C.; programmer for Project CLAIMS for the Bureau of Government Financial Operations, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.; and programmer for the City of Alexandria, Va.

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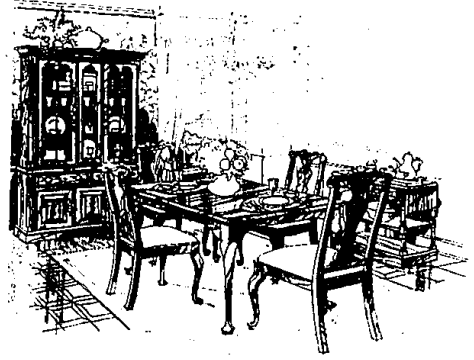
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