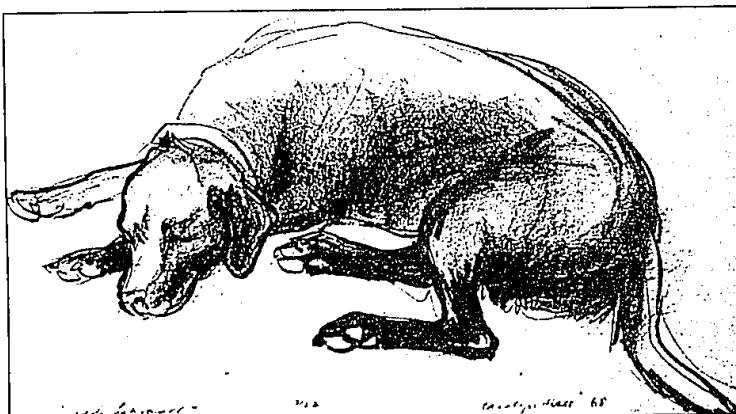


Animals in Art'



Artists eye animal kingdom

A lively ape and a sleeping dog are two works by Birmingham artist Carolyn Vosburg Hall that are featured in the exhibit "Animals in Art," through December at County Gallerie in the Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. The show is a collection of original paintings and drawings, prints, posters and photography. Besides Hall, artists represented include Richard Dubuque, Calvin Engelberg, Nora Mendoza, Glen

Michaels, Jo Snyder and Ronald Scarborough. There also are selected works by Charles Culver, Albrecht Durer, Edward Hicks and the late Robert Thom. Kinds of work range from Hall's whimsical tree sketches to Mendoza's abstract Impressionistic white silhouettes, Hicks' primitive "Peaceable Kingdom," and Thom's haunting wolf family. The exhibit is open to the public during business hours Monday-Friday.

Local artists win awards

Birmingham was well represented in the finalists in the Ethno-Art '83 competition sponsored by the Bank of Commerce.

This is the third year for the competition designed to celebrate the cultural diversity of Metropolitan Detroit, particularly Hamtramck, headquarters for the Bank of Commerce.

Local residents who were among the finalists were Julie Dawson and Karen Tazian. A third, whose work was selected for purchase and permanent display in the bank, Carrie Nixon, is originally from Birmingham, but now lives and has her studio in Hamtramck.

Nixon, who has a bachelor's in fine arts from Yale, with residency in Rome and South America, completed her master's from Wayne State University last spring. Her winning work was a charcoal drawing titled "Hamtramck Twins," which she did using a

set of twins from her neighborhood.

Nixon teaches life drawing at Wayne State and French and Italian at University of Detroit.

Dawson, a 20-year resident of Birmingham, has had several one-person shows. Her winning entry, "Chinese Children on a Bench," reflects her continuing interest in Chinese culture. She has visited China and studied the culture.

A graduate of DePauw University, she is a member of Birmingham Society of Women Painters and has had several one-artist shows of her work.

Tazian is a professor on the staff of Oakland Community College. His works have been exhibited throughout the United States, Canada, England and the Soviet Union. He has his bachelor's and master's from St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, Ind. His award-winning work is titled "Melancholy."

Master ballet classes planned

Tom Ruud, principal dancer and resident choreographer with San Francisco Ballet, will teach two master classes for intermediate ballet students 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 and 4 on the Oxenhorn Ridge campus, Oakland Community College.

Following his Jan. 4 class, Ruud will be special guest of the Harbinger Dance Company at a reception at the studio. The public is invited to meet the artist and to view a videotape of the

documentary film based on his work, "Mobile."

Ruud is nationally recognized for his choreography, teaching and dancing. He has performed leading roles with San Francisco Ballet and Ballet West as well as being a guest with the Kansas City Ballet and the Pacific Northwest Ballet.

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