

Aerial photography — the ultimate overview

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One of the important factors in successful aerial photography is weather. And according to Dick Day, owner of Birmingham Camera and longtime aerial photographer, these final bright days of autumn are ideal for that purpose.

"The trees have pretty much lost their leaves, but there's still color, so you can get a shot of a house you couldn't get at any other time . . . and with aerial photography you can get a perspective you can't get any other way."

Day, who pilots a Cessna 172, also does the photographing himself. Not hard, he says, if you know what you're doing. And he does. He's been at it since 1975. He flies out of Big Beaver Airport, uses a Hasselblad, and likes being at the controls of both plane and camera. He can position himself exactly where he wants to be for each shot and not waste time transmitting instructions to someone else.

"The biggest secret of aerial photography is the weather. If it isn't right, you're wasting your time," he said.

Customers for aerial photographs hit a broad spectrum — from individuals who simply want photographs of their

house and property to enjoy to those who use them for more practical reasons. Day's aerial photographs of a golf course helped in the planning of an underground sprinkling system. Many large institutions, universities and industrial concerns, use aerial photographs to document growth and development.

"Some builders with bank loans want photographs for a progress study, so the bank will release funds for the next step," said Day.

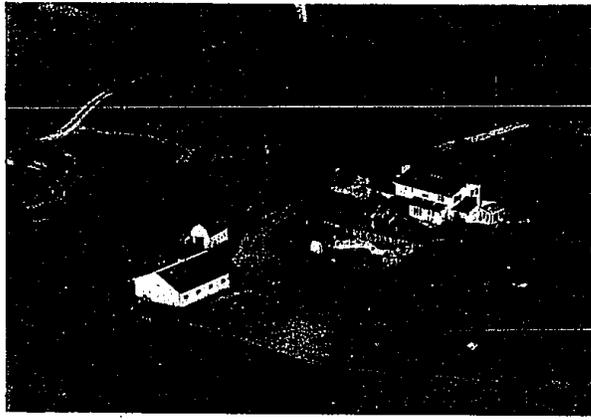
Other developers and investors want shots of an entire area so they can see where the population is growing (and going) to help locate a business site.

Day said sometimes when they look at the aerial photographs, they will say, "There it is, that's where we have to be."

Day has also done photographs of the sail boats in the Port Huron to Mackinac race. He only does it now, however, if he's hired to follow and photograph a specific boat.

Day makes it sound easy saying, "All the same principles are applicable in aerial photography as for any other kind."

Of course you have to be able to fly a plane and hold a camera at the same time. Other than that, it's a cinch.



Dick Day's aerial photo of a farm in northern Oakland County clearly documents the layout of the buildings and their relation to the house, roads and proximity to the little lake beyond. The photo was originally in color.

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The painting is then reassembled and glued into three-dimensional form. Strips of aluminum attached with Silcone glue are added to the back to prevent warping.

Finally the painting is sprayed with several coats of sealer.

THESE impressive works follow a logical progression from Robinson's earlier color studies with a landscape theme. In these, too, she applied the paint with a brush and blended with a sponge. The careful shading and relationships of the geometric shapes suggested a three-dimensional approach.

Gradually Robinson began to give form to what had once been pure illusion.

These now seem to be the realization of work that began a number of years ago. And interestingly as Robinson adds crayon and pencil, subtly, in these latest works, some of them come off as landscapes.

But, whatever subjective response is aroused by these works, they are among the best which she has done.

Detroit Institute of Arts is among the institutions and individuals who have Aviva Robinson's work in their permanent collection.

The show at Rubiner Gallery continues through November. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday, 7001 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield.

Painter speaks to artists

The South Oakland Art Association will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 Xampell, Royal Oak.

Farmington artist and gallery owner Edes Joppica will demonstrate the technique of water collage. The meeting is open to the public free of charge.

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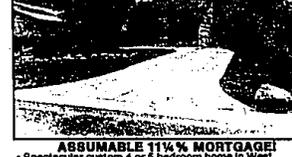
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