

# Sculptor creates lifelike figures

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nating. I have a whole world at my disposal."

"I think people are the most fascinating thing in the whole world. I'm so fortunate to be able to do this... It's frustrating. I have so many ideas... I have tremendous respect for any individual. I portray

people just like they are with all their warms and flaws."

Saying that he has been criticized for not being more of a visionary, for not showing a better world, Hanson said, "We should realize there's a beauty... in just being ourselves."

Quoting Henry James, he said, "To me all art should be interesting."

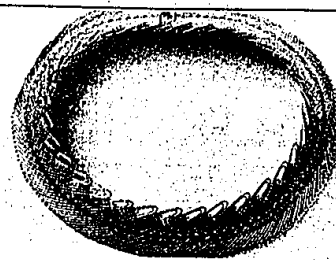
I think he meant that in the old sense. It should be exciting, not bore you. That's what I want to do."

WITH WIDE international recognition and the resultant crowds which come to see his work, Hanson said his art becomes a great responsibility. "You're always in competition with yourself."

Sculptural quality is his first priority, he said. That can be discerned from his statements about the figures in the exhibit which are displayed in the gallery. He mentions it in conversation as well — first comes sculpture.

Hanson is the man sitting at the table opposite a lady eating a hot fudge sundae and reading a diet magazine. The little girl is his daughter and the dog is the Hanson family pet.

Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 550 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.



## Jewelry as art

Choker of sterling silver and 22 karat gold by Mary Lee Hu is one of many examples of jewelry as art in the "Points of View" show at Yaw Gallery of Birmingham through March 13. Hu taught at Michigan State University. She is now at the University of Washington.

# Displaying needlepoint

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"I am still learning," Fields said, adding, "one of the nice things about teaching is that their (her students) work ends up being better than my work."

This statement brought immediate disagreement from the group around the table.

She is as proud of the quality of her canvases as gallery owners are of their art. Hours are 1 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Needlepoint of a geisha girl by Dee Dee Goldenhar of Birmingham incorporates a wide variety of stitches as well as colors and designs. The textural qualities are rich and subtle. Goldenhar sees all of her work as "painting with thread."

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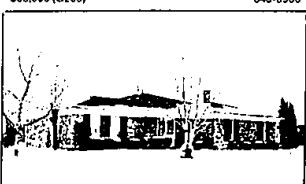
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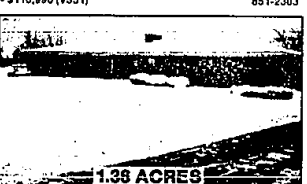
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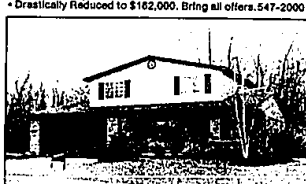
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