



Edie Joppich, who likes to paint on the floor, is preparing for a one-artist exhibit at Central Michigan University gallery in November while she's at North-

port. Her collages for the new show, "Flying Objects," are full of color and excitement and music will be incorporated into the show at the opening.

Michigan art ambassador



Telling customers about Michigan art and artists in her gallery on Bay Street in Northport is an important part of Edie Joppich's career.

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they are always surprised at the quality of Michigan art.

"Each year I have a different group of artists, consequently people come back year after year."

AFTER SIE CLOSES for the day, she puts what she calls her "Northport Gothic" life-size wooden figures which say "Open" on both sides (made by Herb Joppich) away for the night and returns to her studio to spend an hour or two assessing that morning's output.

Joppich has a four-word comment about her demanding schedule. "I love it here."

"I don't need a car, I walk to everything."

But, she adds with a smile, "It took a while to get used to not locking doors."

For her, selecting the art, arranging it attractively and sharing her knowledge with her customers are creative activities.

She paints on her beautiful the hanging stained glass panels by Tom Boyle of Birmingham are when the afternoon sun filters through the leaves of the big old willow in the front yard, hits the soft colors. She touches a ceramic piece by Carolyn Dulin displayed near a sculpture by Marilyn Richards of Huntington Woods, noting the compatibility.

"Putting it together is exciting — putting something realistic against something non-objective — it's almost like doing a painting."

Joppich pauses at her desk in the gallery. "I can sit here and enjoy all the art I selected and I can watch the boats coming in."

Speaking on quilts

"Bring Your Own Quilt," a lecture-demonstration has been rescheduled for 11-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Detroit Historical Museum. Presenting the program will be Merry Silber of Birmingham and Sandra Mitchell of Southfield, collectors, speakers and organizers of "Quilts: An American Romance," held at Somerset Mall.

Participants will have an opportunity to share their quilts and learn more about them. There is no charge for the program or the verbal appraisals. Written appraisals are \$5.

"Bring Your Own Quilt" is being given in conjunction with the current exhibition, "The Thrifty Art: A Social History of Quilting," on display at the museum featuring 60 quilts from the museum's collection.

Admission to the museum is by voluntary donation and free, guarded parking is available, 5401 Woodward at Kirby, Detroit. For information, call 833-1805.

Fall classes announced

Fall classes at Pontiac Art Center will be Sept. 22 to Nov. 22.

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