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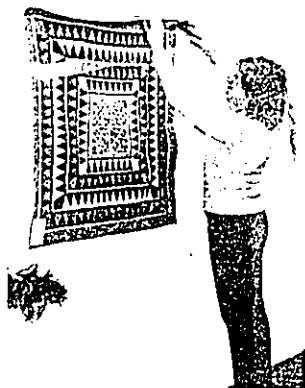
The Traverse City Arts Council is a non-profit community service agency which was organized in 1969. The council provides a support system and network to develop, deliver, and sustain art activities in the Grand Traverse area. The organization works with individual artists, art groups, schools, business and community and state agencies.

The Arts Council is an advocate for all the arts — music, theater, dance, visual arts, crafts and writing. Throughout the year the Arts Council brings exciting projects and programs to the area. Many have become annual events like the Postcard Series, Meadow Brook Theater, Art Auctions, Poetry Readings, Michigan Assoc. of Community Arts Agency Workshops, Detroit Institute of Art Lectures, Michigan Opera Theater and Arttruck.

The Traverse City Arts Council Gallery, located at 309 E. Front sponsors year round art exhibitions. Currently in the gallery are the recent paintings and drawings of Janine Gibeau Germain and Joseph De Luca. These two artists have recently returned from a year in Portugal and the exhibit shows the work they produced abroad. October will feature the 9th Annual Michigan Photography Exhibition. This is a state wide exhibit held each fall. Other exhibits in the 86-87 season will be grant recipients William Allen and Emily Mitchell Nielson, "Fibers, Fabrics, Fashions", Four Person Show, Native American Crafts, recent works of Paul Welch, 17th Annual Juried Exhibit, Cranbrook, Wildlife Show, and Fifty State Exhibit. The gallery tries to show a full spectrum of visual arts during a year's time.

Since 1979 the council has sponsored the community-wide arts festival Artsphere. This festival includes about 500 participants, 150 volunteers and some 7,000 visitors. Artsphere '87 will take place May 23 at the Senior High School and will include Dance, Visual Art, Music, Theater, Video and Film, Literary Arts, Children's Art, Architecture, Mimes, Folk Singing, Opera, Lectures, Face Painting, Arts and Crafts Mart, Hand on Art and much more.

The council publishes a bimonthly magazine which features articles and a two-month arts calendar. The "Arts Edition," which is supported by the business com-



Kris Page hangs works for a fiber show.

munity, is mailed to all arts council members and is distributed to key locations throughout the area such as the Chamber of Commerce and Governmental Center.

The Traverse City Arts Council spearheaded the formation of a joint city/county task force on the arts to coordinate a visionary cultural plan for the Grand Traverse Area. The task force report is continually used for reference by the entire community. Members of the task force committees will continue to meet for follow up study on arts in the community.

The arts council receives a great deal of its financial support from memberships, private donations and grants funding. The office, gallery and Art Resource Center are located at 309 E. Front St. Hours are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday Noon-3 p.m. The organization does have one part-time paid employee, executive director Terry Tarnow, but relies strongly on volunteers to plan and carry out activities. For information on how to become a member and volunteer of the Traverse City Arts Council call 947-2282.

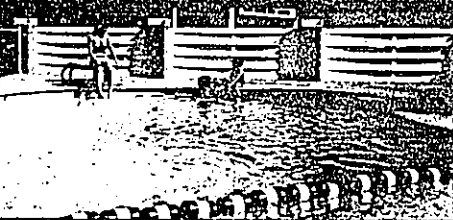
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