

briefly speaking

SUNDAY SHOWCASE

Whodini and Mike Thornton are the featured guests in Sunday's performing arts showcase sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission. The show is especially delightful for youngsters, but adults have been known to be just as intrigued by the feats of illusion. The program is at 3 p.m. in the Livonia City Hall auditorium. Tickets at \$3 will be available at the door.

And if you're a barbershop singing buff, circle Sunday, March 29. That's when the award-winning Wayne Renaissance Chorus will perform in the series. The group, incidentally, packed them in at Mercy College recently at their spring concert. Under the director of Jim Pollard, the group is the 1986 district champs of Michigan and also Ontario.

DESIGNER FEATURED

As part of an ongoing event, the Hillside Inn of Plymouth will present Eunice Scully in its Sesquicentennial Parade of Unknown Designers. Scully will informally model her custom-designed collection from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, March 20.

BETTASO TRIBUTE

In honor of the late Livonia public libraries' children's librarian Bettie Bettaso, the Detroit Storytellers League will offer a story hour for young children from 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the home of a memorial program. The event will be held at the Carl Sandburg branch, 30100 Seven Mile Road, Livonia starting at 2 p.m.

OAKWAY CABARET CONCERT

Oakway Symphony's 14th annual cabaret concert will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28 in Madonna College. Featured will be "Fat Bob" Taylor, popularly known as the singing plumber, as master of ceremonies, and the Max Davey Singers. Guest conductors will be Madonna president Sister Mary Franceline and Ernie Jones. Refreshments will be available at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Discount for advance purchases of full tables of eight is \$72 and \$90 for tables of 10. For more information, call 591-5046. Madonna is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

COUNTRY IN THE INN

All types of early americana crafts will be featured at the Country in the Inn folk art show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates. Admission is \$3. Artisans are from all parts of the state. Featured will be country furniture, quilts, baskets, pottery, salt-glaze pottery, braided rugs, samplers and forged iron and many others.

For more information, call Kathy Yuchasz, 538-1957.

ANTIQUÉ SHOW

Several noteworthy collections will be on display at the antique show and sale now in progress through Sunday at Wonderland Mall, 29555 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Three Northlake china patterns made for the Larkin Co. from 1914 to 1933 will be carried by H. and J. Antiques. Replacement pieces in "Azalet," "Tree in the Meadow" are available. Rare pieces in "Tree in the Meadow" include tobacco jar, shell dish and tea pot.

CRAFTS AROUND THE WORLD

Arts and crafts around the world is the theme of the show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren, (east of Telegraph) Dearborn Heights. Ethnic foods available.

NACO CONCERT

The National Arts Chamber Orchestra will present a concert at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 29 in Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Music director and conductor is Kevin McMahon, concertmaster of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Featured soloist is Theodore Levin, professor of piano at the University of Michigan School of Music. General admission is \$7, seniors and students, \$4. For more information, call Irene Boruszko, 747-8546.

FIGARO AUDITIONS

Open auditions for Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" (to be sung in English) will be held 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 2:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, in St. Andrew Memorial Episcopal Church on the Wayne State campus, 1/4 block north of Warren on the northbound Lodge service drive. An accompanist will be provided. Performances will take place the first three weekends in June in the Marquis Theatre in Northville. Director/producer is Arthur Rizzo and conductor/artistic director is Douglas Morrison. For more information, call 531-2085.

AWARD PROGRAM

The Farmington Area Arts Commission has announced its annual artist-in-residence award program which will culminate at the reception for the recipient on Sunday, May 17, in the Farmington Community Center. The award is given on the basis of high achievement and recognition in the fields of visual art, dance, drama, literature or music. Nomination forms are available at the two Farmington Community libraries. They may

also be obtained by calling Pat McElroy at 478-4889. Forms and supporting materials must be received by the commission's selection committee by Tuesday, March 24.

BASKETRY SEMINARS

On Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5, Tint & Splint will host a two-day hands-on workshop, "Experimentation with Basketry: Forms and Techniques." The course will be taught by nationally known professional basketmaker Byron Holmbeck of Durham, N.C. The workshop is geared for beginning to advanced level basketmakers.

Later in the month, Saturday, April 25, and Sunday, April 26, Tint and Splint president Kathleen Crombie will conduct a hands-on workshop on "Free Form Tree Bark Basketry." For more information on either event, call 522-7760.

GRAHAM MARKS: RECENT WORKS

"Graham Marks: Recent Works," an important exhibition of six major ceramic pieces, is

now display at Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum through April 5.

Marks' massive, vivid forms of earthenware and coil construction place him at the forefront of contemporary American ceramics. Museum hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Discount guided tours are available by advance notice. For tour information, call 648-3323.

RAPE EXHIBITION

In its continuing efforts to raise awareness about sexual assault, the University of Michigan has brought to campus, "Rape," a national touring exhibition of works by 10 women artists. The exhibition, the first of its kind, provides thoughtful and sensitive perspectives on a social issue that has long been silenced.

The exhibit, which has been touring the country, will make its only Michigan appearance at the Jean Paul Slusser Gallery, School of Art, opening Sunday, March 15, and continuing through March 29.

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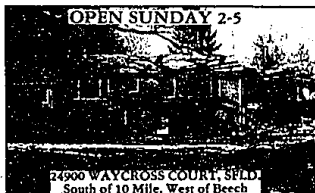


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BLOOMFIELD FINE ARTS

Friday, March 20 - Watercolors by Peruvian artist, Altino Villasanté are on display through the month. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and until 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 280 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

DETROIT FOCUS GALLERY

Friday, March 20 - "3 - 2D: Sculpture and Drawings" includes sculpture and drawings by eight area artists, Ted Hadfield, Gary Kelak, Ruth Lumpkins, Sue Linburg, Lois Teicher, Ann Treadwell and Greta Weekly. Reception 5-7:30 p.m. Friday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1452 Randolph, Detroit.

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RUBINER GALLERY

Saturday, March 21 - New aquatints by British artist, Victor Pasmore are on display through April 18, 7001 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield

PIERCE STREET GALLERY

Saturday, March 21 - Fine art fashion photography by Deborah Turbeville continues through May 9. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Pierce, Birmingham.

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

Saturday, March 21 - Recent paintings by Maggie Citrin are on display through April 26. Opening reception is 5-7 p.m. Saturday, 525 State Street, Ann Arbor.

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Monday, March 23 - "Something about Paper" has works by five artists working in paper, Lynne Avadenka, Greta Weekly, Pi Benlo, Larry Cressman and Ted Ramsey. Reception 4-7 p.m. Monday. Continues through April 14. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays. Sisson Gallery, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

UAW-GM HUMAN RESOURCE CENTER

Wednesday, March 25 - Works by four artists are on display through May 22. They are: John B. Gans, color photographs; Dan Grashuck, color photographs; Patricia Quinlan, paintings; and Nelson Smith, paintings. Public is invited to attend the reception 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. This exhibit is part of "Joint Ventures" a project with Paint Creek Center of Rochester and Pontiac Art Center to exhibit work by Michigan artists in changing exhibits throughout the year, 2850 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills campus, Oakland Community College.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Etchings, lithographs, woodcuts depicting "Life in Venice" continues through April 11. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 4520 N. Woodward, Royal Oak.

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Judy Pfaff, Al Held and Alex Katz and recent acquisitions of 18th and 19 century Chinese furniture, 556 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

ILONA AND GALLERY

Pottery, glass, jewelry, paintings and accessories continue on display. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 31045 Orchard Lake, Hunters Square Mall, Farmington Hills.

FIELD ART STUDIO

Mixed media prints of Winston Churchill are on display through April 15. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2646 Coolidge, Berkeley.

PRINT GALLERY

Signed lithographs by Raphael Soyer are on display through April 30. Soyer, born in Russia in 1889, came to the United States in 1912 and is considered an important member of the group of humanists who depicted people in everyday situations. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 29203 Northwestern, Southfield.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Photographs acquired by the museum through gift or purchase during the last two years are on display through May 10 in the Albert and Peggy de Salle Gallery of Photography. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 5200 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

O'NEILL POTTERY

Functional ceramic Easter baskets are on display in this 115 year old restored barn. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and some evenings, 1841 Crooks, Rochester, one mile north of M-59.

SOMERSET MALL

Exhibit and sale by Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors continues through March 22. There are 40 artists represented in the multimedia show. Among them are Johanna Haas, Lorraine McCarthy, Rita Skozen, Shirley Hathaway and Corrine Dolega. Open during regular hours free of charge, Big Beaver and Coolidge, Troy.

HILL GALLERY

Works by Katherine Porter are on display through March 27, 163 Townsend, Birmingham.

RIVERSIDE THEATRE GALLERY

Works by members of the Birmingham Society of Women Painters are on display through March. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 400 Beachland Blvd., Vero Beach, Fla.

ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

Exhibition of photographs by Tony Spina continues through May 15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 28111 Imperial Drive, Warren.

DUKE GALLERY

Fortune Magazine Covers, 1930-1940, continues through April 18 and includes 80 lithographs, framed and matted. Opening 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, 185 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

CANTOR/LEMBERG GALLERY

New acquisitions - William Antonio, John Beardsman, Joseph Bernard, Nicholas Africano, T. L. Sollen, Hollis Sigler, John Newman, Red Gurney and D.E. Benin are on display, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

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