

Mel Rosas's paintings on display

The Mel Rosas Sabbatical Exhibition: The Italian Paintings, opening at the Wayne State University Community Arts Gallery on Sunday, Sept. 10, leads into the Detroit Festival of the Arts, Sept. 23-25, in the Cultural Center.

This body of artwork features dream images inspired by Italian cityscapes and landscapes. Most of the oil painting is done on panels 48 inches high by 72 inches wide.

Rosas, of Royal Oak, said of his paintings, "In an attempt to come to terms with my own psyche, I have tried to paint my dreams. It is difficult to specify how or why these images are chosen."

"I believe that my interest in the French existential writers i.e. Camus, Sartre, has been influential. Of late, Third World writers such as Gabriel Garcia Marquez have been

inspirational," he continued.

Rosas, a prominent member of Detroit's artistic community, has had his artwork exhibited widely throughout the United States, England and Canada.

A WSU art professor since 1979, he has received numerous awards including Michigan Council for the Arts Creative Artists Grants in 1982, 1985 and 1987 and the "Outstanding Young Man of America" award in

1986.

Rosas received a master in fine arts from Temple University in 1975 and a bachelor in fine arts from Drake University in 1973.

The opening reception for the exhibition will be 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 at the gallery, 450 Reuther Mall, Cass Avenue at Kirby. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday through Sept. 30. Admission is free.

Poetry contest open

A trip to Hawaii for two is the grand prize in the American Poetry Association's latest poetry contest. There is also a \$1,000 first prize. In all, 152 poets will win \$11,000 worth of prizes. Contest entry is free and everyone is welcome to enter.

"Poets deserve more rewards and recognition," said Robert Nelson, the publisher for the association. "New and little-known poets are the ones we are looking for. We can give them encouragement and a good start."

Poets may send up to five poems,

no more than 20 lines each, with name and address on each page to American Poetry Association, Dept. CN-72, 250 A Futuro Street, P.O. Box 1053, Santa Cruz, Ca., 95061.

Poems are judged on originality and sincerity. Every poem is also considered for publication.

In the last six years, the American Poetry Association has sponsored 22 contests and awarded \$101,000 to 2,700 winning poets.

Poems postmarked by Dec. 31 are eligible to win. Prizes will be awarded by Feb. 28.

Women Painters open their 44th exhibit

"This year's theme, 'Frogs, Dogs and Travelers,' should bring out some wonderfully whimsical art work," said Betsy Donaldson, exhibition chairwoman of the 44th annual Birmingham Society of Women Painters exhibition.

The show opens with a 5-7 p.m. reception Saturday at Birmingham

Bloomfield Art Association, 1315 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. It will run through Oct. 8. Regular hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Fran Waring, president of the group, said members entered up to five works for jurying by Lucille

Nawara, gallery owner. Cleo Bradley designed whimsical announcements for the show. Sue Velig and Betty Sylvester are planning the food and refreshments for the opening, for which Lee Dymant will play classical jazz on the guitar.

Laurie Oldfield and her commit-

tee are hanging the exhibition and Janet Clark and Lois Wood are in charge of receiving and returning the art. Freda Rubin is responsible for the catalog and Jo Snyder and Carolyn are publicity chairmen. Greeting visitors will be the six-foot-tall stuffed frog that Hall made and the Women Painters themselves.

Photography is seminar subject

Registration is being accepted for a comprehensive Photographic Seminar presented by Birmingham Camera Shop and Eastman Kodak Co. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Oakland University, Rochester.

Don Chamberlain from Eastman Kodak will discuss a variety of topics - how-to techniques, film, exposure, lighting, composition, favorite

subjects, people and closeups, depth-of-field, lenses and filters. In the summer thousands of people join him for illustrated programs and outings in one of the national parks where he shares his love of outdoor photography.

His work has been seen in national park orientation programs, exhibited in international salons and shown in

Kodak's multimedia travel shows. Chamberlain has been a part of Kodak's Photo Information Department for 21 years where he has advised people about their photography either personally or by letter. He has traveled in foreign countries as well as the United States presenting the Photographic Seminar for Kodak.

Each participant will receive a free Kodak book (value \$6.95) plus \$10 in free film processing. Refreshments will be served. Registration fee is \$18.95 per person or \$24.95 per couple.

For registration information, call Birmingham Camera Shop, 644-0510 or 652-4250. The seminar is open to the public. Registration is limited.

table talk

Grand buffet

Wellington's restaurant in Southfield's Embassy Suites Hotel has introduced a "Grand Lunch Buffet," featuring everything from deli sandwiches to a four-course meal all within an hour. On the light side, the buffet offers hot and cold soups such as gazpacho or zucchini with pineapples. Salads include pasta, seafood, Waldorf and others. The buffet allows guests to make their

own deli sandwich with corned beef, roast beef, ham and turkey topped with Swiss or American cheese. Diners may also order the "Grand Lunch Buffet" four-course lunch with soup and salad; hot entrees such as beef tips, chicken, fish, pasta and ham steaks, and chef's selection of fresh desserts. The buffet at \$6.95 is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., weekdays. Lunch specials and Wellington's regular menu also are available.

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