



## Opera Lite gives regards

Brian Schulz of Warren (clockwise from top), Judith Zorn of Bloomfield Hills, Beverly Labula of Bloomfield Hills, Betsy Branson of Detroit and David Pulice of Southfield are in

the cast of Opera Lite's production of "Give My Regards to Broadway," directed by Pulice. For more information, see the Upcoming calendar on 6C

## Opening 2-weekend run

A reprise of Jay Stielstra's musical play "Tittabawassee Jane" begins a two-weekend run Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 6-9, at 1515 Broadway, Detroit. The musical is set in a bar in Middleton, Mich., home of Sow Chemical Co., known for dumping

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## Exhibit hooks needleworkers

Julie Cole of Rochester saw the rug catalogue in Ruthe Young's shop. The Needleworks loved the colors of one with a butterfly and soon after began work on her first rug. That was in 1985. The work took some nine months.

"It hangs on the wall," Cole said, "because it's too pretty to walk on."

Next Monday, rather than a catalogue, needlepointers will be able to see actual rug canvases (50-60), painted by a group of nationally known artists. The exhibit will continue through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, 725 S. Adams, Adams Square, Birmingham.

COLE, WHO describes herself as "like a junkie" when it comes to needlepoint, said that wherever she travels, she checks to find where canvases are available.

"I always pick up something," she said.

Right now Cole is taking a class at The Needleworks to learn some new stitches and is working on a Persian tapestry and a dog pillow.

"I love animals and flowers," she said.

"I have to set goals (for a project the scope of the rug)," she said. "I work on it one or two hours a day, just as though I was going to work—and I'm always in the midst of doing something."

THE EXHIBIT at The Needleworks marks the 15th anniversary of

the business. Young began the business at the urging of her husband, Julius, who knew how hooked his wife was on needlepoint.

Julius, founder and former owner of the Hot Sam business, and a man with a lot of entrepreneurial expertise, wrote ads for The Needleworks that quickly attracted wide attention.

They extolled "My Ruthe" in ethnic vernacular and talked about how lonesome she was without anyone coming in to see her in the "nice

shop, but lousy location." At that time she was in the Mondello complex only two blocks from her present site.

One of the most spectacular rugs in the current display is a huge African scene with animals, retailing for \$1,000. The average price of the rug canvases is \$350. While many materials can be used for needlepointing, rugs are usually done in wool.

Young has two assistants, Karen Schulz and Susan Weed, and a new teacher, Cathy Stolpen.

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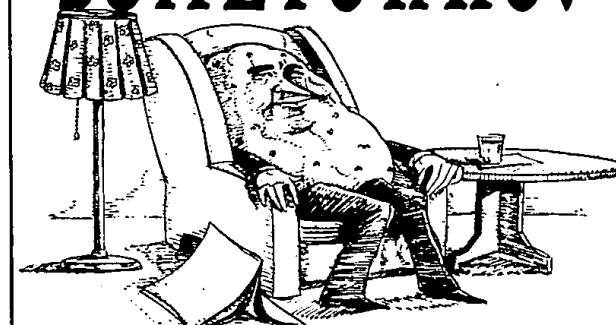
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