



## Arts-crafts adds to overall fun

**N**OT ONLY does the Builders Show arts and crafts area include many unusual creations from all over the United States, but two child artists are featured.

Twelve-year-old caricaturist Dan Scanlon, who will draw caricatures of Builder Show attendees during the show, has become famous in the Detroit area for his caricatures of famous people.

His caricatures have earned him letters from such celebrities as former President Ronald Reagan, Johnny Carson, Wayne Newton, George Burns and Dick Purtan. Scanlon designed the cover for the Warren chapter of Parents Without Partners' newsletter and has had his drawings appear in a coloring book whose proceeds went to the Easter Seals Society.

Scanlon started his career as a caricaturist at 2. He is working on a comic book, which he plans to publish himself.

ALSO IN THE Builders Show is 12-year-old artist, Nikolas Trendowski.

Trendowski practices the art of Ukrainian Easter egg decorating, called pysanky.

In pysanky, the eggs are decorated in a very complicated process whereby melted bees wax is applied to the egg with a hot stylus.

The artist can draw a variety of designs on the egg with the bees wax, then use special dyes to color the egg after the bees wax has hardened, leaving a white drawing on a brightly colored background.

The art of pysanky has been handed down through generations of Trendowski's family.

Each design is typical of a region of the Ukraine or has a folklore message.

Trendowski, who lives in Detroit, has been decorating the Ukrainian Easter eggs since he was 4.

OTHER ARTS and crafts exhibits in the 15,000-square-foot area include a blacksmith, glass dishes, beveled glass suncatchers, leaded glass, sculptured

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The friendly rivalry between quilters Dian Smith and Ken Taddia that started several years ago at the Builders Show will continue this year — and again for a good cause. The two artisans will make separate quilts that will be raffled off to benefit the Detroit Shriners. Smith owns a quilt shop in Plymouth. Taddia is one of her students.

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