

Turning steel, bronze to butter

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However, the symbolism of a multimedia wall piece, "Imagination of Nature," remains elusive even after Erickson explains it.

The long, horizontal sticks or rods represent the lay system of magnetic currents in the earth's surface, he said. What looks like a section of hay drying racks he saw when living in Yugoslavia. There are some man-made towers, something like those of stones in Ireland and a heavy piece of granite.

This is one of two multimedia pieces in the show. The other is an aerial view of deserted shelter in the city created from things he found near his former Cass Corridor studio. He described the rest in the show as possibly more focused.

WHILE HE obviously likes all of them, he explained the nuances of the "cow field" piece with a warm attachment.

"It integrates the cow to the field. They become multiple images by bridging one layer on top of another until they become hybrids."

Owners of Erickson's sculptural works should definitely treat themselves to a first-hand narration. He looks like a park ranger or Boy Scout leader and thinks like a dramatist, seeing the world as a stage and people as wheels or rollers moving at different speeds across it.

He successfully transfers his ideas to three-dimensional art, using high-

"I don't mind things in decay and I have a fascination for rust."

— Todd Erickson sculptor

ly uniplable materials and making them look butter-soft. He may spend hours shaping one-inch-square area of steel and flame cut a large section next to it in seconds. His outstanding piece, inspired by the German artist Fredericks' painting of a ruined gothic cathedral, involves both of those techniques.

ERICKSON'S FAMILY moved to Birmingham when he was in the seventh grade. He graduated from Seaholm High School.

Erickson realized about midway through Hope College "that art could be a direction for me," he said.

He completed his master's at Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1978, working under Michael Hall in sculpture. After he completed his bachelor's and while he was at Cranbrook, he was a youth worker with the Birmingham schools. Later he began teaching at the Center for Creative Studies, where he is currently an instructor in sculpture, foundry techniques and welding. He and his wife live in Redford, where he has his studio.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

exhibitions

● **FOUR WINDS GALLERY**
Thursday, June 8 — "Tradition and Innovation," the contemporary designs of San Juan Pueblo Jeweler Mike Bird and New Mexico folk art by Allison Bird. Continues through July 7. Reception to meet the artists 6-9 p.m. Friday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday, 340 E. Maple, Birmingham.

● **ARIANA GALLERY**
Saturday, June 10 — "A Flock of Furniture" is an exhibition of contemporary furnishings by 10 artists whose creative imaginative forms add lots of color for fun and drama. Opening reception 1-5 p.m. Saturday. Continues through June. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 385 E. Maple, Birmingham.

● **HOMESTEAD GALLERY**
Saturday, June 10 — "Directions 1989" is an exhibition of Sculpture Club of Michigan continues through June 25. Reception 8 p.m. Saturday. Percentage of the opening reception sales will benefit Common Ground. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday; until 9 p.m. Thursday, 136 S. Pontiac Trail, Wall Lake.

● **ROBERT KIDD GALLERY**
Saturday, June 10 — New sculpture by Jay Lefkowitz and recent paintings by Moe Brooker are on display through July 8. Reception for the artists 4-7 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 107 Townsend, Birmingham.

● **FEIGENSON/PRESTON GALLERY**
Saturday, June 10 — Selected work by gallery artists continues through July 1. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 798 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

● **PAINT CREEK CENTER GALLERY**
Saturday, June 10 — "Photomages '89" continues through July 7. Carl Tott, head of photography at Cranbrook Academy of Art, juried the exhibition. Sculpture by Carolyn Lautzenheiser is in Artspace. Reception for both artists is 7-9 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 407 Pine, Rochester.

● **SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY**
Tuesday, June 13 — Sculpture and painting by Italo Scanga, an artist who grew up in this metropolitan area, will be on display through July. The exhibit celebrates his receiving the 1989 Distinguished Alumni Award from Michigan State University. Reception for the artist 5-7 p.m. Tuesday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

● **ARTSPACE**
Collection of lithographs printed and published 1980-1982 by Detroit printmakers is on exhibit through July 5. Included are Newton, Koutoulis, Kulak, Glanz, Vitale, Jerzy, Jones, Mayer and Galewek, 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

● **YAW GALLERY**
Jewelry by Libby Skamer and weathervanes by Jonathan Bonner continue on display through June. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 550 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

● **SOMERSET MALL**
Exhibit and sale of work by members of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors is on through June 11. Members will be in attendance throughout the event. Open during regular mall hours, Big Beaver and Coolidge, Troy.

● **CADE GALLERY**
Recent work by Barbara Dorchen, an innovative local artist, is on display through June 28. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 214 W. Sixth, Royal Oak.

● **CANTOR/LEMBERG GALLERY**
New work by Todd Erickson will continue at the gallery through June 24. He has a master's degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art and is an instructor in sculpture, foundry techniques and welding at CCS. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

● **PONTIAC ART CENTER**
"Spine Tingling and Spell Binding — Book Arts" featuring work done by Pontiac studio artists with the book as a work of art. Curated by Lynne Avadenka. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and Saturday, 47 Williams, Pontiac.

● **DOS MANOS**
Traditional Guatemalan textiles are on display through June 13. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday; until 9 p.m. Wednesday and until 5 p.m. Saturday, 210 W. Sixth, Royal Oak.

● **CANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM**
"Pherels Series," metals and drawings by Joseph Wesner, continues through Sept. 17. He's teaching art at the Art Academy. Also opening is "Robert Sailors: Textiles," hand-woven and powerloomed fabrics by Sailors, a graduate and former instructor at the academy. Opening at the same time is "Fluxus: Selections from the Gilbert and Lita Silversman Collection" continues through Oct. 8. The Student Summer Show continues

through Sept. 16. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission charge, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

● **TROY ART GALLERY**
"The Great Outdoors" is a show of images of landscapes and nature. Represented are Japanese artists Hiroshige, Saito, Kuroda and Honda, and local artists Bertha Cohen, Susan Thomas, Charlotte Evans and Susan Gold. Continues through July-Closed on Saturdays in July. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, until 4 p.m. Saturday, 755 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

● **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**
"The Appropriate Object" explores the work of a group of contemporary artists — Alvin Loving, Maren Hassinger, Richard Hunt, Oliver Jackson, Betsy Saar, Raymond Saunders and John Scott. Continues through July 16. On display in the Albert and Peggy deSalle Photography Gallery is "Pictures of People: Nicholas Nixon." Both are free, open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

● **RUBINER GALLERY**
Thursday, June 8 — "Nancy Thayer, East Paper and Constructed Canvas" continues through June. These are paintings with textural and sculptural qualities. Reception 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7001 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield.

● **THE COMMUNITY HOUSE ARTS**
Examples of calligraphy by Millie Janka are on display through June. She is a calligraphy instructor at The Community House in Birmingham. Open during regular hours, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

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Beautifully maintained brick colonial located in Northville Commons. This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home features finished basement with rich wood built-in bookcases, multi-casementa fans throughout, central air, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, dining room, study, fireplace in family room. \$189,900 478-5000 07-B-2683



Multi-windowed Ranch Condo in NORTHVILLE offers private wooded view and large deck! 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, European styled kitchen, family room, great room, fireplace, central air, patio and finished lower level. Major appliances. \$184,900 478-5000 07-B-1030



FARMINGTON HILLS family home backing to commons! Featuring a large master suite plus 3 good size bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, finished rec room with wet bar, family room with fireplace, professionally landscaped yard and central air. Must see! \$164,500 851-100 06-B-2722



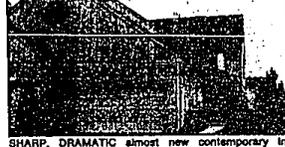
SPARKLING CLEAN and ready to move into, this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath FARMINGTON HILLS Colonial features a library with built-in shelves, glass sun porch, full wall fireplace, finished rec room with pool table and circular driveway. \$183,900 626-9100 02-B-2778



FRESH AS A BREATH OF SPRING! This attractive Colonial is located on a nice court close to schools, boasting a newer oak parquet kitchen floor, beautiful bay windows, hardwood floors in bedrooms, finished rec room and newer driveway! Don't pass this one by! \$149,900 626-9100 02-B-2772



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