

# Community leader takes arts post

Perry Drug Stores board chairman and chief executive officer Jack A. Robinson has been elected chairman of Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan (CCAM).

Robinson succeeds Eugene A. Miller, president of Comerica Incorporated and Comerica Bank-Detroit, who completed his two-year term.

In accepting the position, Robinson said he was "obviously honored" by the election.

"Art is an inseparable part of all our lives and plays a major role in assuring a high quality of life," he said.

"I look forward to working with Governor Blanchard, the state Legislature and business and education leaders in assuring that we have the kind of support that is needed for effective and productive arts programs in Michigan."

ROBINSON FOUNDED the four-state Perry Drug Store chain with one store in Pontiac in 1957.

He has been active in numerous professional, community and civic activities, including being director of Highland Superstores Inc., the Detroit Economic Club, the American

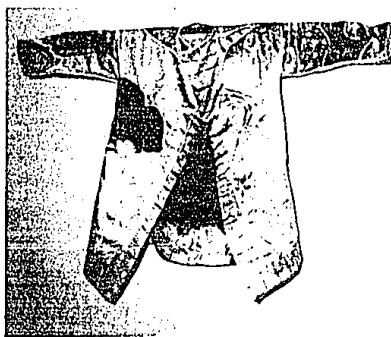
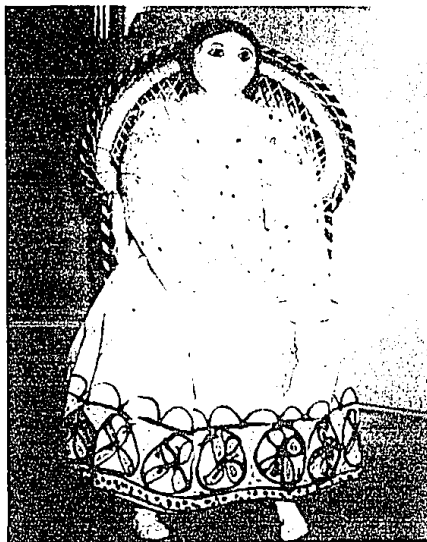
Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education and Immediate past chairman of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

He is also a past chairman of the Wayne State University Fund and serves on the boards of Harper Grace Hospital, the United Foundation of Detroit, the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, the Holocaust Memorial Center, the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, the Pontiac Symphony Orchestra and the board of governors of the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

His wife, Aviva, is a professional artist who has had more than 21 one-woman shows in Michigan and New York.

The Robinsons, who have three daughters, reside in Bloomfield Hills.

CCAM is a non-profit, statewide coalition of cultural and educational organizations, individuals and business, labor and government leaders dedicated to raising the awareness level and support for the arts through research, education, advocacy and communication.



## Embellishing the surface

The Surface Designers of Michigan, part of a national Surface Designers organization, have a display of dimensional art at the Oakland County Galleria through Friday, Jan. 12. Some, such as clothing by Rosemary Gratch of Bingham Farms and Cynthia Wayne Gaffield of Livonia, can be either worn or displayed. The works include weavings, painted fabric, assemblages, multi-media art and computer graphics by 21 Michigan artists. At top left is a doll by Barbara Kelley of Bloomfield Hills. At lower left is "D.I.I. Janet," fibers and mixed media by Judith Bowman Levitt of Pleasant Ridge and above is "Princess Elton's Ceremonial Robe" painted and knitted by Rosemary Gratch. The Galleria in the Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

# Yanover Gallery opens

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"We asked them to communicate their ideas in a limited, small format -- 15-by-15 inches. There was some screaming at first, but within one month they had to work, they created some magnificent work. They really rose to the occasion," said Zevallios.

Featured artists in the small works exhibit include:

- Al Hinton, a tenured professor of the arts at the University of Michigan. His mixed medium paintings use anodized titanium and sheet aluminum;
- Franklin Willis, who is studying in Frankfurt, West Germany on a Fulbright Scholarship. Willis works in abstract oils;
- Francine Rouleau, who works expressionistically with oils and canvas;
- Luis Calderon, who is known throughout Peru for his works as a professor of ceramics. Calderon

works in a box format.

Fernando Calderon, who for this exhibit, works in base reliefs. Many of his jewelry pieces are on display in the "small room" of the gallery. Fernando's works is also known throughout Peru and he is recognized for his talents in structuring art exhibits on galleries, museums and the Peruvian presidential palace.

Others: local favorite Jeanne Poulet, who works in intaglio; Karla Novy, who lives in Peru, also work in intaglio; Mary Ellen Croci, Craig Billings and Ralph Brodie. Works by urban sculpturalist Tyree Guyton, whose "Heidelberg" project was recently torn down by the city of Detroit.

The Yanover Creative Liaison Alternative Art Space is at 30927 Schoolcraft, on the I-96 south service drive, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. The gallery is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For information, call 425-8175.



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