

creative impressions

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● COPPELIA STAGED
Three casts will alternate in five performances when the Cleveland San Jose Ballet brings Coppelia to Detroit's Masonic Temple March 7-10.

Presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre, Coppelia is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10, with a student matinee at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 7.

Three artists originally from Michigan will be featured prominently in the ballet: Detroit native and Cleveland San Jose Ballet artistic director Dennis Nahat, former West Bloomfield resident Melissa Mitchell and Flint native Mark Oloski.
MOT is offering family-priced tickets to Coppelia. With the purchase of one full-price ticket, up to two additional children's tickets may be purchased for \$10 each, subject to availability. Call the MOT Ticket Services Office, 874-SING. To charge tickets, call Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

● DSO CONCERTS
World-renowned violin virtuoso Isaac Stern returns to Orchestra Hall with pianist Robert McDonald at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 7 as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Recital Series.
They will perform sonatas by Mozart, Brahms and Bartok as well as Schumann's Intermezzo from F.A.E. Sonata and Szymanowski's La Fontaine d'Arethuse.

Pops arranger and conductor Richard Hayman will perform with the DSO for Weekender Pops concerts at 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 8, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at Orchestra Hall. They will be joined by the Dallas Brass.

The DSO will perform a special concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10 to benefit Michigan families of military personnel. Co-sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, ANR Pipeline Co., WXYZ-TV and the Detroit News and underwritten by ANR Pipeline, this concert is called "An Evening for America." Proceeds will assist families of military personnel from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties involved in Operation Desert Storm.

For ticket information, for all DSO concerts, call the Orchestra Hall Box Office, 833-3700.

● WILDLIFE ART
The Michigan Wildlife Art Sale and display of custom knives will take place March 8-10 at the Holiday Inn of Southfield.

Those who attend will be able to view and buy award-winning wildlife art as well as talk to the artists, carvers and taxidermists who will be at the show. Featured artist will be James Caspell of Saginaw. Custom bench knives made by Black Forest Blades also will be featured.

Hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, with children younger than 12 free.

● CRAFT SHOW
"Hoosier Traditions" Old-Fashioned Country Craft Show" will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial, just outside of Plymouth.

Live dulcimer music will be provided by Felicity Strings. Lunch will be available at the country club. Admission to the show is \$1.50.

Exhibitors from nearby communities will present a variety of items, including primitive folk art, ceramic jewelry, stoneware, quilts, stained glass sculptures and clay miniatures.

Local exhibitors include Susan Hatthcock, Livonia, country home accents, Barb Gentile, Garden City, clay miniatures, Leslie Stolaruk, Plymouth, paper and puzzle jewelry, Elaine Hoogerwerf, Farmington Hills, tin, calico, ribbons and lace.

● SPRING CRAFTS
Sunflower Subdivision in Canton Township will sponsor its annual spring craft show Saturday, March 9, at the clubhouse, 45956 Gainsborough, between Warren and Canton Center Roads. Follow the signs.

Among the items offered at the show will be painted sweatshirts, hand-painted wood items, baskets, flower decorations and baked goods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with no admission charge.

● ARCHITECTURE TALK
Preservation Wayne, the Scarab Club and the Center for Creative Studies will host William Porter as he lectures on architecture at 3:15 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at the Scarab Club, John R. and Franklin, Opp. 74. Behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.
He'll speak on "Arts and Crafts Architecture." He's a modern design instructor at Wayne State University and the Center for Creative Studies.
A reception and tea will follow.
Cost is \$5 for Preservation Wayne, Scarab Club and Detroit Area Art Deco Society members and CCS students and faculty. General admission is \$7.

● CHAMBER MUSIC
The Chamber Music Society of Detroit will present the Beaux Arts Trio at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at Detroit's Orchestra Hall.
Pianist Menahem Pressler, violinist Istodre Cohen and cellist Peter Wiley will perform Mozart's Trio in G, Zemlinsky's Trio in D Minor, Op. 3 and Schubert's Trio in E Flat, No. 10.
The following Tuesday, March 19, the Tallch String Quartet will make its Detroit debut. The group comes from Prague and includes in its repertoire of classical works native Czech composers. They will play Beethoven's Quartet No. 10 in E Flat, Op. 74, Mozart's Concerto in A for Piano and Strings, K. 414 and Dvorak's Piano Quintet. Beaux Arts's Menahem Pressler is the guest pianist.
For tickets and information, call the Orchestra Hall Box Office, 833-3700.

● STUDENT EXHIBIT
Visual arts students at the Creative and Performing Arts in Livonia will display their paintings, drawings and prints from March 14-23 on the second floor of Jacobson's at Laurel Park Plaza in Livonia.
Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

● AUTHOR SIGNING
Oakland county writer Kathie Koja will sign copies of her debut novel, "The Cipher," at 7 p.m. Friday, March 15 at Borders Book Shop, Novi Town Center, Novi Road, just south of I-466.
The novel is the first to be published under the imprint of Abyss, a new line of horror fiction published by Dell.
"In The Cipher," Koja describes the dead-end life of a failed poet named Nicholas, who, with his girlfriend Nakota, begins to experiment with a mysterious black hole they discover in his apartment.
Objects inserted in the hole come out drastically altered. If at all, one day, Nicholas himself is altered in a fall near the "Funhole."
"Dell chose 'The Cipher' as the definitive first title in its Abyss line, designed to showcase a new breed of literate, contemporary horror."
Koja has been writing fiction most of her life.

● PHOTO SEMINAR
The Photo Guild of Detroit will hold its 28th annual photographic seminar at 8:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn.

The program is designed for all levels of photographic expertise, from beginner to advanced amateur. Sessions will include nature, wedding and travel photography.
Darkroom techniques, composition and camera basics will be highlighted.
Call 642-8831 for details.

● BALLET SPOTLIGHTED
The Plymouth-Canton ballet will present "Coppelia" at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, in the Plymouth-Canton High School Little Theatre.
The production will combine comedy and dance.
The company is a non-profit organization that offers opportunities for local dancers to work and perform in ballet productions.
Tickets are \$6, reserved seating only. For tickets, call the Plymouth-Canton Ballet at 397-8828 or Joanne's Dance Extension at 455-4330.

● CRAFT APPLICATIONS
The Schoolcraft College Foundation is seeking exhibitors for its second annual craft show Saturday, Oct. 26 and Sunday, Oct. 27. Proceeds will be used to fund student scholarships.

The craft show will be in the college's Physical Education Building, Schoolcraft is at 18500 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Free parking is available.
For an application to exhibit, call the college at 462-4417.

● BENEFIT AUCTION
New Morning School, a non-profit cooperative school, preschool through grade 8, in Plymouth, will hold its 15th annual auction at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Rd., Westland.
A live auction will be presented by Dan Stall, Inc. Items to be auctioned include a suite at the palace for 20 people to view the Moscow Circus, travel to New York, Boston, Las Vegas and Washington, D.C., a milk coat and the right to be a working guest on a sailboat in the Detroit to Mackinac race.
For auction tickets, call 420-3331. Hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, buffet dinner and late night snack will also be part of the evening. So will silent tables.
Established in 1973, New Morning School emphasizes individualized study, parental involvement, and student participation in learning.

● CRAFT SHOW
Collective Crafts will have an arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at Novi Middle School. More than 85 handcrafters will participate.
Admission to the show is \$1.50.

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Start tuberous begonias indoors

When tuberous begonias are featured in a garden, they take center stage with their large blooms in colors such as white, pink, red, orange, apricot and yellow.

This time of year is good to start the tubers indoors and perhaps plan a garden around them where they will delight all who are fortunate to see them.

Choose firm tubers and place them round end down (the roots emerge there and along the sides) in a shallow container in a soil-less mix. Space them 2-4 inches apart. The depression in the tuber is where the leaves and buds will emerge and this area, just peeking out of the soil, needs to be kept dry to prevent rot.

Keep the growing mix evenly moist. Place the trays in bright, indirect sunlight with temperatures around 70 degrees. In about a month, plump, pink buds will appear followed by the leaves.

NOW THEY can be transferred to 5-6-inch pots in a soil rich in humus. Equal parts sandy loam, peat and well-rotted compost or manure is ideal. Transfer the sprouting tubers to the same depth as they were in the flats.

They now need lots of light, but not too much direct sun. An east window will do. Don't allow the temperature to go below 60-65 degrees.

They can be planted in the garden when all danger of frost is past, again at the same depth as before. When watering, keep the water off the foliage. Moist, but not soggy soil is the rule.



down to earth
Marty Figley

If the soil dries out when the plant is budding, the buds may drop off. Fertilize as package indicates, discontinuing the feeding in late summer.

Filtered light is kind to these begonias such as that provided by high branching trees, or man-made shade construction. They also like the east or north side of walls, fences or the house, where they will be protected from strong winds.

Some plants that enjoy sharing garden space with begonias are: azaleas, pieris, rhododendron, camellias, primroses and ferns.

Tubers can be brought back into the house for continued bloom for a few weeks in the fall, before a frost. When watering is stopped, they will go into dormancy. When the leaves turn yellow and fall off, lift the tubers, clean the soil off, dry in the sun for several days until they're hard and dry and store them in an open flat at about 45-60 degrees. Keep them dry to prevent decay.

Marty Figley is a master gardener, based in Birmingham.