

creative Impressions

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● AUTHOR SIGNINGS

Livonia author Barbara Hood Burgess will sign copies of her new novel for young readers, "Oren Bell," 7-8 p.m. Friday, June 14, at Borders Book Shop, Novi Town Center, Novi Road, south of I-96.

"Oren Bell," published by Delacorte Press, is a warm and funny ghost story about three Detroit siblings who perform a ritual every year to ward off the evil that goes on in the house next door.

After botching the annual ceremony, Oren, whose little sister has to help him with math, is saddled with a run of bad luck.

He tries to locate a treasure left by the ghost that haunts his own house and also tries to get rid of Jack, the man who wants to be mama's friend.

Plymouth Township resident John Vranjak will sign copies of his new book, "The Polish Trivia Book," 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Little Professor Book Center, Mariner's Point Shopping Center, 28250 Crocker, Harrison Township. Call 463-7770.

● MYSTERY WRITER

Award-winning mystery writer Loren D. Estleman will offer a class on "The American Mystery," 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Register at the door or call 462-4448. The fee is \$18.

● THEATER TOUR

Michigan Opera Theatre will join its future Grand Circus Park neighbors in the Spotlight Tour of the Theatre District, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18.

MOT, currently restoring and expanding the area's Grand Circus Theatre for use as its permanent home, will open the theater to the public for this event.

Formerly known as the Lobby Hop, the Spotlight on the Theatre District tour is under the auspices of the Grand Circus Park Development Association.

It will include the Fox Theatre, the Little Gem Theatre, 1515 Broadway, Clubland and the State Theatre, the United Artist Building, the Paradigm Center for the Arts, the Harmonie Park Playhouse, the Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, and the Music Hall Center.

The third annual event will feature food, entertainment and a celebrity at each of the theatrical venues. Tickets are \$15 (\$20 at the door).

MOT's community programs department will perform a variety of musical programming, from opera to musical theater to vaudeville revue.

In honor of the bicentennial of Mozart's death, his spirit (Wayne State student Clayton Closson) will join the festivities.

Ray Shephardson, a theater restoration expert, will conduct opera house tours.

The tour will mark the opening of the four-day exhibit, "Art and Architecture in City Spaces," sponsored by "Art on the Move," Detroit Recreation Department's Artist Residency Program.

Five large-scale art installations and performances will be in the Grand Circus Park area.

For tour tickets, call MOT: 874-7850.

● CRAFTS FAIR

"Made in America" arts and crafts will be sold during a show Thursday-Sunday, June 20-22, at Westland Center, 35000 W. Warren.

Professional artisans from many states will demonstrate and sell their work.

The fare will include paintings, metal sculpture, needle crafts, toys, floral designs, stained glass, wood crafts, decorative painting and jewelry.

● CHAMBER MUSIC

The duo of Livonia pianist Mary Scitlano and violinist Amy Shevryn will perform works by Mozart and Franck in a chamber music concert at 8

p.m. Friday, June 28, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$7 and \$10 (\$5, students and seniors).

They will be joined by cellist Sarah Cleveland for a performance of Shostakovich's Trio in E minor, opus 87.

● HISTORIC HOMES

The Historic Homes of the Auto Barons are offering discounts on admissions through November.

The Auto Baron Home Tour Passport entitles visitors to \$1 off the regular admission at each of the four metro Detroit homes that once belonged to automotive pioneers.

As an added incentive, visitors who tour all four homes will qualify for the Auto Baron Passport prize drawings.

Prizes include a 3 day/2 night Gatsby Getaway Weekend for two at Meadow Brook Hall, tour and dinner for two at Govinda's in the Fisher Mansion, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House/picture book and "Tea and Tour for Two" featuring tea at the Henry Ford Estate, Dearborn, and a tour of the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn, and a tour of the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn, and a tour of the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn.

Passports are available at each of the four homes and at the Visitor Information Center in downtown Detroit.

The Auto Baron homes are the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, the Fisher Mansion in Detroit, the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn and Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills.

For a brochure and information, contact: Auto Baron Passport, 625 N. Williamsburg, Birmingham 48010, or call 644-2066.

● HAMMER DULCIMER

Madonna University in Livonia will offer "Introduction to Hammer Dulcimer" 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 24 to Nov. 26.

Featuring traditional music from folk to baroque to modern, participants will learn practice, repertoire and the uses of hammer dulcimer in concert, church, classroom and social settings.

Those attending will receive two continuing education units of credit. Cost is \$75. For more information, call Charlene Berry at 591-5917. To register by phone with credit card, call 591-5188. Madonna University is at 1-96 at Levitt.

● OUR TOWN

Artists across the state may submit their work to be juried for the sixth annual Our Town Art Exhibition and Sale Oct. 16-20 at The Community House in Birmingham.

For a Call to Entry Form, call 644-5832 or write The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham 48009.

Last year, 370 works of art from 203 Michigan artists were selected from almost 1,000 entries. Fifty-seven of these works were bought by some of the 3,000 people who attended. There will be \$10,000 in prizes awarded at the artists' award ceremony Sunday, Oct. 20.

Artists may submit their interpretations of "Our Town," any hometown and its meaning to them.

Works may pertain to, but are not limited to, the following: Michigan landmarks, architecture/city, nature/landscape, people/portraits, and still life.

Art work may be two- or three-dimensional, and prepared in any medium, ready for presentation. It must not have been previously shown in "Our Town" exhibition.

William Bostick of Bingham Farms will be the 1991 "Our Town" juror.

He's a nationally recognized artist, instructor, author and advocate of the arts. He's involved in many Michigan art associations and has juried and selected art work for corporate collections and university exhibitions.

The Our Town Art Exhibition and Sale will open with a gala benefit Wednesday, Oct. 16. It will be open to the public Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 17-20. Admission is free. Several special events will highlight the exhibition.

Bostick will speak at the Professional Women's Breakfast Thursday morning. A luncheon that day will feature Patricia Hill Burnett, a widely known artist who has painted portraits of many famous people.

Friday evening will be an "Evening of Art and Jazz," with music and hors d'oeuvres. Saturday morning will be devoted to children, with a special workshop planned just for them. A Garden Cafe will be open in The Community House Thursday through Sunday. The exhibition will close with the award ceremony Sunday, Oct. 20.

All works of art must be marked for sale. The

artists receive 65 percent of the selling cost, with the rest benefiting the Community House.

The Community House is a not-for-profit center that welcomes people of all ages, races and creeds. It provides educational, social and cultural programs, group travel, child care, employment assistance, meeting space, and banquet and catering services.

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Q: Please tell me when this pair of cranberry glass candle holders was made and what it might sell for.

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A: These engraved cranberry glass lustres were made in the early 1900s and would probably sell for about \$300-\$400 for the pair in an antique shop.

Q: What can you tell me about an old cast-iron bank in the shape of a goose? It is marked "Red Goose Shoes."

A: Your bank was made in the early 1900s and was given with the purchase of children's shoes. It is currently selling in the \$265-\$285 range in good condition.

Q: I have a lamp with a reverse painted shade that consists of six panels with woodland scenes. The base is marked "B & H."

Can you tell me anything about the origin of this lamp? I would also like to know its value.

A: Your lamp was made by Bradley & Hubbard in Herndon, Conn., between 1910 and 1920. It is a very desirable collectible and would probably sell for \$1,000-\$1,200.

Q: I have a chance to buy an antique cash register. It is Model No. 444 made by National Cash Register. The seller wants \$500 for it. The condition appears to be excellent.

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A: I find that Model No. 444 cash registers have sold for as little as \$700 and as much as \$1,200. It appears that you have found a good deal.

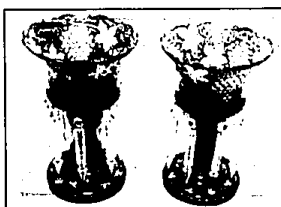
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BOOK REVIEW

"Greenberg's American Toy Trains" published by Wallace-Homestead, an imprint of the Chilton Book Co., Radnor, PA 19089, \$17.95 plus \$2 postage or at your local bookstore.

Dallas Mailerich has provided us with a superlative price guide of American toy trains pro-

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These candle holders, engraved cranberry glass lustres, were made in the early 1900s.

duced since 1900. It lists in great detail individual locomotives and cars.

When a rare Lionel train set sells for over \$20,000 this field ceases to be child's play.

Send your questions about antiques with picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$1 per item to James G. McCollam, P.O. Box 1087, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

All questions will be answered but published pictures cannot be returned.

McCollam is a member of the Antique Appraisers Association of America. His column runs periodically.