

BBAA show to spotlight 'gifts of art'

WHETHER IT'S fun or functional, you're likely to find it at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association's annual holiday show Dec. 2-14.



Artist Bruce May will display wooden collectibles like this primitive Santa at the annual holiday show.

About 120 artists and crafters will sell wearable art, unique glass pieces, holiday ornaments, fine jewelry, toys and collectible folk art — yet that's just a sample of what to expect at this year's show.

"Once again, the show offers well-crafted 'gifts of art' at moderate prices for the holiday shopper as well as the personal collector," says June Wirth, BBAA publicity director.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

Elaine Burruso and Suzanne Velick, the show's artistic coordinators, say they've tried to strike a "comfortable balance between returning artists and new participants so that shoppers know what to expect — but there will always be some surprises."

This year's show includes about 35 new artists and crafters. Merchandise is replenished daily. Volunteers help keep the show running smoothly.

To start shopping early, there's a preview party 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. Advance tickets are \$5 at the BBAA or \$8 at the door. Admission includes gourmet hors d'oeuvres, sweets, hot cider and coffee.

The BBAA is at 1516 S. Cranbrook, north of I-4 Mile, Birmingham. Call 644-0866.



Crafter Teri Widerstedt made this patchwork bear. potter Jan Sadowski this large platter and potter Daniel Robar this decorative pot.



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From top left, create-a-picture stenciled sweatshirt by Lori Newbourn; quilted socks by Teri Widerstedt; bottom left, felt Santa and glove angel by Mary and Marge Hinz and a teddy bear by Phyllis Sherwin.



Feminine, classic, timeless pearls are a work of art. From the collection of artist Marlene Stowe comes elegant mabe pearl ear clips circled with 18 karat gold and diamonds (\$3,250). Complete the classic set with eight ropes of oversized baroque bewa pearls clasped with 18 karat gold (\$3,225). In Michigan exclusively at Greenstone's Jewelers, Birmingham.