

# Holiday sales show continues at BBAA

Approximately 130 professional artists and craftspersons are taking part in the annual holiday sales show at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, now running to Dec. 14 at 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham.

Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call 644-0866.

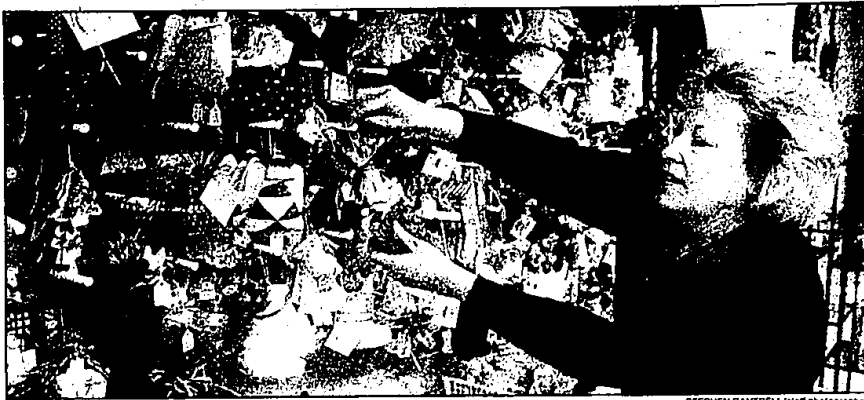
The holiday sales show offers well-crafted gifts of art at moderate prices for the holiday shopper as well as for the personal collector.

Items include functional and decorative pottery, exceptional glass pieces, wearable art, finely crafted jewelry, toys for all ages, collectible folk art and holiday ornaments.

"As in the past we have tried to maintain a comfortable balance between returning artists and new par-

ticipants, so that our shoppers know what to expect but there will always be some surprises," said Elaine Borzo and Suzanne Velick, artist coordinators for the show.

Kathy Dowling, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association assistant director, puts some hand-crafted items out for display at this year's BBAA Holiday Sales Show. The sale continues to Dec. 14.



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## exhibitions

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**SYBARIS GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 5 — "Basketry: An Expanding Definition," featuring contemporary art baskets by six leaders in the field, continues.

"BEA Dazzled: From three-dimensional sculpture to personal adornment" to run Dec. 7 to Jan. 4, with opening reception 3-5 p.m. Saturday. The "BEA Dazzled" show focuses attention on the myriad formal and content-related issues that stem from the 12 artists' usage and handling of beads. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, 344-3388.

**CREATIVE ARTS CENTER**  
Starting Friday, Dec. 6 — "Aglow: Art that Lights Up," an exhibition of art with that special glow that comes from electricity, will run through Jan. 3. An unusual look at art that uses various other light sources, the display will include work by artists Alan Bodrie, Todd Carter, Laura Clavett, Al Ditchburn, Damon Levestre, Jack Purdon and Samuel Trella. Also featured will be photographs by Dan Gracchuck of neon animals used to distinguish individual cabins in northern Michigan.

Also opening Friday, and running through Dec. 21, is "Marketplace," a holiday marketplace of beautiful and unusual gifts, from jewelry to walking sticks, ceramics to wooden toys.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 47 Williams, Pontiac, 333-7849.

### COMMUNITY ARTS AUDITORIUM

Friday, Dec. 6 — The "Unseen Landscape" art exhibition, featuring 19 paintings by seven major Michigan artists (including Lynn Galbreath of Birmingham), opens with a reception 5-10 p.m. at Wayne State University and continues through Jan. 24. The gallery is on the Gold Tour of the 10th annual Gallery Crawl sponsored by the Detroit Council for the Arts the same evening. Call the WSU department of art and art history, 577-2980, or the DCA, 224-3482, for information. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, closed Dec. 23 to Jan. 6.

**WILLIS GALLERY**  
Friday, Dec. 6 — "Willis Gallery 1971-1991," 20th anniversary exhibition, opens with reception at 7 p.m. Friday. Exhibit will run to Jan. 10. Hours are 2-6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 422 W. Willis on the corner of Willis and Cass, Detroit.

**URBAN PARK**  
Friday, Dec. 6 — Urban Park, a Detroit art center, has opened its Trappers Alley. It is an exhibition space dedicated to showcasing the works of Michigan artists. Comprised of about 1,500 square feet of retail space at the east end on the third floor of the alley, Urban Park has the feel of a Soho/Greenwich Village artists market. Urban Park will participate in the Detroit Council of the Arts 1991 winter gallery crawl Friday, with an exhibit includ-

ing works by more than 20 artists and craftspeople. The exhibit will remain open through December. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, 508 Monroe, Detroit, 963-3357.

### O.K. HARRIS WORKS OF ART

Through Dec. 7 — New works on paper by artist and art dealer Bruce Helander, and paintings by Zerkio Stefanelc are on display. Helander works with vintage paper materials to create complex period collage pieces. Stefanelc, born in Yugoslavia, reminisces about great world cities in his still life paintings that depict memorabilia from all over the world. Hours 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Monday by appointment, 430 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 443-3700.

Also at O.K. Harris, these works available as gifts of art: Captain America portraits by Robert Berry,

luminous paintings by Tom Bacher, paint samples by Jef Bourgen, artist licenses/artist palettes by Greg Constantine, pencil box drawings by John Fawcett, seascapes by Vladimir German, still lifes by Joseph Maresca and electric sculpture by Mark Merline.

### ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Starting Saturday, Dec. 7 — Original prints from the collection of Vic Zink, with an emphasis on World War II, will be on display to Jan. 4. Vic and Doris Zink will be present at preview the night of Friday, Dec. 6. The collection of prints includes works by many of the foremost artists of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 4520 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, 647-7700.

### HABATAT GALLERIES

Saturday, Dec. 7 — Pavel Hlava, one of the most noted artists working in glass, will be exhibiting his

fourth one-man show at Habatat through January. Hlava, who lives and works in Prague, has received worldwide acclaim for his constructed blown and cast glass sculptures.

Also at Habatat: The kinetic wall sculptures of Ricky Bernstein make light of mundane daily lives and artistically transform the "ordinariness" into an extraordinary occurrence. The cast glass by local artist and Center for Creative Studies instructor Albert Young will be on display for his second major exhibition at Habatat.

Opening reception 8 p.m. Saturday. Hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, 851-9090.

## Wreath displays scheduled

Events related to gardening around this month.

The Detroit Garden Center in historic Morosa House will present its annual Christmas open house, "A French Colonial Christmas," Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 7-8. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Visitors will see Detroit's oldest brick house decorated by area garden clubs in the opulent 18th century French manner. Wreath making demonstrations using fresh greens will take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday and noon and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$1, free for children under 12. The Garden Center is 4-1/2 miles east of the Renaissance Center at 1460 E. Jefferson. Call the center at 259-6363 for more information.

The Garden Center will offer a Christmas centerpiece workshop 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 11. Instructor Rosemary Day will show how to make a fresh holiday arrangement with evergreens, flowers and decorations that will last through the holidays. Cost is \$15. Call the center to register.

## New gallery sets opening

The House Thomas Gallery, 335 E. Maple in Birmingham, has set a grand opening weekend Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7.

The doors will open at 10 a.m. both days. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Stop by and register to win an original House painting. The drawing will take place at 5 p.m. Saturday.

ARTIST Len House has recently relocated to Michigan from the Palm Beach, Fla., area, and will frequently be present at the gallery. House pieces are now in residences around the United States, France, Italy and Germany.

## Musicale to present concert

The Birmingham Musicale will present its annual Christmas concert at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple in Birmingham.

The public may attend the program and the tea following it. Judith Istock is chairman of the day. The Birmingham Musical Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Mary Pardee and accompanied by Eleanor Whelan on the piano and organ, will open the program with "Ding-Dong Merrily on High," with Joyce Powers playing hand bells.

This group's closing number, "Shepherd's Pipe Carol," will feature Wendy Pardee on the piccolo.

He performed with Yehudi Menuhin. He earned his degrees in music education from the University of Illinois and the Eastman School of Music.

Among his professional publications is "The Robert L. Oppelt String Series," consisting of 10 volumes of pedagogy. He currently teaches in the area and is director of the Suzuki Music Association of Greater Detroit.

John Callaghan, minister of music at Holy Name Church in Birmingham, will play organ selections by C. Franck and Langlang and "Toccata" by Goemanne. He formerly taught at Marygrove College and currently teaches piano and organ privately.

The program will close with the Musicale Chorus performing "In Excelsis Gloria," "There is No Rose of Such Virtue," "S'Vilvo (The Dreydi Song)," "French Noel" and "All Men Draw Near" by Peter Williams.

## Galleries announce auctions

An auction of two major estates will take place at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, at Mabel's Galleries Inc., 815 Woodward Avenue in Pontiac, one mile north of Square Lake Road and opposite St. Joseph's Hospital.

Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will conduct an auction at 6 p.m. each day Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 17-19. A three-day preview will take place Thursday, Dec. 12, Friday, Dec. 13, and Monday, Dec. 16. Call 332-1500 for more information.

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