

Weekend art fair, activities draw support for Detroit Zoo

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"It's all happening at the zoo," Simon and Garfunkel sang in the 1960s.

"It's all happening for the zoo," Einstein and Clark could sing this week.

That's Nanci Einstein and Nancy Blochman Clark of Birmingham, who are the N's of N2 Productions, presenting the first West Bloomfield Inside Art, an invitational art fair to benefit the Detroit Zoo.

The art fair will take place Friday-Sunday, May 1-3, at Crosswinds Mall at the corner of Orchard Lake Road and Lone Pine.

Hours are 9-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"We thought the zoo needs a lot of help right now," Clark said. "A majority of members are from the east side. This will give (the zoo) more exposure over here."

"Artists are a real generous group of people . . . and people seem to respond to esthetic things like art pieces. It's a great combination."

INSIDE ART is the first N2 Productions project, but the women have more than 12 years of experience in the art fair circuit. They had produced the Art in the Park event, taking place in Birmingham in September for Common Ground. Their

backgrounds include fine arts degrees, and art gallery and graphic design work.

Their plans are already in the works for Art One, an art fair to help the Detroit Institute of Arts this fall.

"The artists involved have been very receptive to the idea of helping the zoo and helping out the DIA," Einstein said.

ABOUT SIX months in the planning, Inside Art will feature 47 high-quality artists with works in ceramics, jewelry, painting, printmaking, glass, furniture, wearable art, woodcarvings, wildlife art, mixed media, dolls and other media.

The artists come from around Michigan and other states, including Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. Prices will range from around \$10 to thousands of dollars, the women said.

"It does look like it's going to be a great show," Einstein said.

"Craftsmanship . . . is one of the things we looked at."

"We also think about the public and what they would like," Clark said. "Quality art and reasonable prices (will be offered)."

ALSO, DOCENTS from the Detroit Zoo will present hands-on activities for children, such as feeling fur and making masks. A raffle and a silent auction will take place. Crosswinds merchants have donated luggage, a trip, gift certificates, a day at a spa and other items.

Admission to Inside Art is free. For more information, call 440-0095 or 645-1379.

Artist makes history with work

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"Words from the heart enter the heart." In other words, someone who is really sincere (gives) the best (message).

"(The painting) came from so much love and so much emotion that I think even someone who doesn't know (the history) will feel that power and that energy."

THIS AREA and the museum/gallery are both ideal places for the painting's debut, Leaf said.

"Detroit is a good place to start. It's a cohesive community. It's a community where I'll be easy to promote it in a way where a lot of people will come out and see it."

"We're hoping that people of all ethnicities will come to see the painting."

ARIE WAS born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1939. His father, a soldier in the Russian Army, died before the child was born. When Arie was 3 weeks old, he, his mother and his brother fled to Russia from the invading Nazis.

Warsaw Ghetto photos shown

In 1939, when Dubi Arie was just 3 weeks old, his mother fled with him and his brother from Warsaw in the face of impending doom. Two years later, a Nazi soldier named Heinz Jost took 129 photographs depicting the life this doom had wrought in the Warsaw Ghetto.


Arie and his family eventually made their way to Israel, where he grew up to become an artist and paint a vision, "The Mission," which will make its premiere at the Janice Charach Epstein Museum/Gallery in the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield next week. (See related story.)

Jost's vision was such that the photographs he had taken on his birthday in 1941 were kept hidden until the end of his life. This documentation, "A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto: A Birthday Trip in Hell," will also make its debut in Michigan at the Jewish Community Center in May.

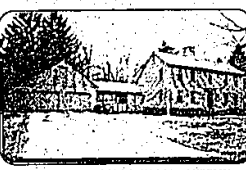
It is currently under the auspices of the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service and was brought to the Detroit area through donations by Lois Pines, Avera Chon, Barbara and Sheldon Chon, Leslie and Paul Macy and Lisa and Thomas Chon.

THE EXHIBIT will open to the public Sunday, May 10, and continue on the second floor of the museum/gallery until June 11. "The Mission" will be shown along with works by Detroit area artist Lynne Avadenka on the first floor.


To accompany these displays, the museum/gallery has organized a Yiddish Cultural Festival. Films, a lecture, music and dance performances will be featured. For more information about the festival or the exhibitions, call the museum/gallery at 661-1000, Ext. 470.




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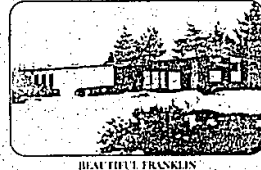
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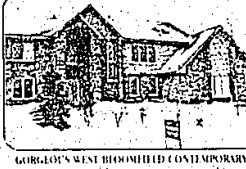
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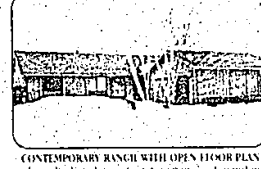
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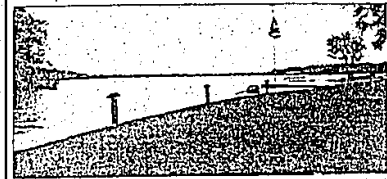
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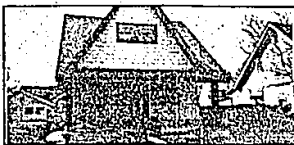
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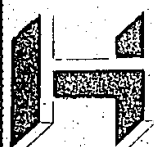
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