

Club sets exhibition

The Farmington Artists Club will present a spring 1992 art exhibit Thursday, April 30, to Sunday, May 3, at the Spicer House, in Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

Hours are 7-9 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The exhibit will offer works in watercolor, oils, pastels, prints, collage and mixed media. In realism and abstract. It will feature a juried section, an open section and an unframed section.

TOP WORKS in the show are "Big Onions" by Linda Itzitz of Troy, Best of Show. "Artichokes Over the Top" by Donna Vogelheim, who teaches watercolor at the Farmington Community Center and Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, first place. "Federico," a colored pencil portrait by Nancy Hurd of Livonia, second place, and "North Star Lake," watercolor by Gwen Tomkow of Farmington, third place.

Receiving honorable mention were "Sunrise Sunset" by Jeanne Ozment of Farmington Hills, "Study for Contemplation" by Marsha Weigand of Northville, "Multiple Chairs" by Jeri Felwolk of Farmington Hills, "Kimberly's Nest" by Vogelheim, "Golden Waters" by Lillian Longman of Southfield and "Endangered 101" by Barb Turley, who studied art at Oakland Community College and the HBAA.

"These are wonderful examples of the wealth of talent in metro Detroit," said juror Joan Lasher, an award-winning, nationally known watercolor painter from Mount Clemens. "If the club had more exhibit space, I could have easily selected many other paintings."

"Because of the exceptional quality of the submitted pieces, the jury process was extremely difficult and the selection of the winners was agonizing. The public will not be disappointed with the quality of this show."

Applications now available

Friday, May 15, is the deadline for applications for the Creative Artists Program.

Creative Artists grants are offered in partnership with the Arts Foundation of Michigan. Artists must apply through a sponsoring organization.

For more information, or to request guidelines and application forms, write or call the Arts Foundation of Michigan, 2164 Penobscot Building, 645 Griswold, Detroit 48226, phone 964-2244 or fax 964-0974.

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Down to Earth

Artist's integrity shines on canvas

By Linda Ann Chomlin
special writer

Like a diamond, Farmington Hills artist Lena Massara's intensity and integrity shines through the acrylic paintings, watercolor and mixed media assemblage created in the tradition of abstraction in an exhibition of new work through May 16 at the Atrium Gallery, 115 N. Center in Northville.

The 14-piece show reflects a sincere concern for the Earth. Troubled forests strike the viewer with their beauty and dark sadness. "I tend to gravitate toward things that have meaning for me. I'm concerned about conveying feelings. Hopefully I'll be able to express those feelings but like everything we do in life, it's a growing, an education. It's a continual revival. That's what so exciting about art," Massara said.

Lena's landscapes create a feeling of calm," said Pat Jania, co-owner of the gallery.

"Through her paintings she demonstrates her love of nature with its color relationships. Using colors found in nature she draws the viewers into the painting so that our own mental imagery interacts with her scene."

INSPIRED BY A California hiking trip, "Troubled Forest" began as an ink drawing quickly rendered in a sketch book kept on the trip. Excitement for the majestic view still evident as she speaks exudes

the energy instilled in her work.

"There were miles of trees going into the forest. Every time you turned around, there was a spot that was a little jewel."

"It started off with a drawing. It just takes a few seconds to get the impression down. I work out the composition first."

MASSARA WORKS in layers of print on canvas and paper.

"It took 4-6 months to paint 'Troubled Forest,' thinking and layering, thinking and layering."

Skeleton-like, leaning trees lead the viewer into the painting on unprimed canvas. Black abstract shapes, forest a bleak future, making a strong statement about the aftermath of destructive forces thrust upon nature. Splashes of white, turquoise and violet signal faint glimmers for salvation if heeded in time.

MASSARA HAS been painting 25 years, 15 of them seriously. Her past work includes pastel portraits in realism, oil still lifes, ink on rice paper, and handmade paper collage.

She has exhibited at Edges Jopich's Bay Street Gallery in Northport, the Scarab Club in Detroit, the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester, the now defunct Art in Birmingham, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association.

In 1990 she received the Farmington Area Arts Commission's artist-in-residence award.

Whether working in realism or abstraction, Massara believes basic drawing skills and training rank high among virtues necessary for an artist's success.

"This is how you keep your skills tuned up by setting up a still life every now and then. You can't do the abstracts without paying your dues."

ALONGSIDE BASIC skills, growth is key to keeping alive artistic energy. Continuing classes and workshops teach and inspire. Present studies in art history and creativity at the BBAA act as catalyst to several new works in progress.

"You keep trying to grow. The art itself was an evolution. When I started working in watercolor I was layering wash on top on wash but you can only take it so far."

"Acrylic is very versatile. It can be transparent like watercolor or opaque. It has a tactile feel about it if you can build up the texture."

THE VIEWER would never guess that color runs second to content in Massara's mind. Light permeates a weathered path. Crimson, amber, sienna, cerulean blue and violet washed onto the canvas lighten to lilac, yellow and blue.

"I love painting on canvas. I think it's because I'm an old oil painter. Color depends on what I'm trying to convey. The more you paint, the more it changes."

Mixed media assemblage in the



"Troubled Forest," an acrylic on canvas painted in the abstraction tradition by Farmington Hills artist Lena Massara, startles the viewer with its beauty and dark sadness.


show using found objects retrieved from computer boards mark one of several new directions.

"Whether it's computer chips or working on unprimed canvas what

counts is if they're handled with integrity."

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