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tel, wood, furniture, rubber and more. All the adult pieces are for sale.

A child's twig configuration inspired one photographer to capture a lovely scene with a toddler in a field and twigs in the background. A papier-mache bird was interpreted by another artist in a flying umbrella piece.

The children's work hang next to the artists' work that they in-

spired. A special opening party allowed the children to meet the adults and have artist-to-artist chats.

"It was a big success," said Redmond, one of the 30 artists who owns T.A.G.

"Seeing the transition and flow of ideas was a wonderful experience for everyone," Redmond said.

A set of slides is available from the '93 project.

"We hope to have a '95 and a '96 show," Redmond said adding, however, that due to changes at the mall T.A.G. is looking for a new location.

This year someone suggested T.A.G. include music as part of the art exhibits.

"We hope to keep the child's show going," she said. "We do it to involve the community and our community just keeps on growing."

T.A.G. was born four years ago in Appleton's Shopping Mall when 30 artists got together and opened the gallery.

"Membership changes so the art is always fresh," according to

"I love the work of children and wanted to display it in the gallery, but I also wanted to involve our own gallery artists and other Michigan artists."

Elaine Redmond

Barbara Nigro, also one of the 30 artists at T.A.G.

About a new location, Nigro

said: "We'll look for another place. We don't know where, but we will be somewhere."

Sisters of Mercy celebrate 150th anniversary

The sesquicentennial festival, "Called to the Same Hope," is the culmination of a series of celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of Mercy in the United States.

More than 500 Mercy sisters were expected to attend the late June festival at Carlow College in Pittsburgh. Sisters of Mercy operate Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

The Sisters of Mercy first arrived in Pittsburgh from Ireland on Dec. 31, 1843, to serve the poor, sick and uneducated.

New Mercy foundations quickly spread beyond Pittsburgh, however, making "Called to the Same Hope" an important commemoration of the 150th anniversary for the 6,700 Mercy sisters and 1,400 lay associates throughout the Americas today.

Surrounded by art and music, color and ceremony, participants

will discuss the seven sisters who came to Pittsburgh and the four dresses who came shortly afterward to other parts of North and South America, exploring how all sisters of Mercy are called to the same hope.

On the closing day, nine new Sisters of Mercy will present an artistic and verbal response to the conference, describing their hopes for the future.

Throughout history, the constant link among Sisters of Mercy has been service to persons who suffer from poverty, sickness and ignorance.

This service is so important that it has been included in the public profession of vows for Sisters of Mercy ever since the con-

gregation began in Ireland in 1831.

Every new foundation of Mercys, in Ireland, the Americas, the Caribbean and throughout the world, has been initiated to serve people in need, especially women and children.

Sister Frances Ward led the first group of sisters to Pittsburgh to serve the needs of the poor in America.

"Through the years, the sisters' ministry has flowered in schools, hospitals, social service agencies, parishes, retreat houses, and in prayer," according to Sister Sheila Carney, president of the Pittsburgh regional community.

To illustrate the creativity and

vision that allowed the sisters to accomplish all they have, an exhibit in Mellon Galleries of Grace Library at Carlow was to feature art by Sisters of Mercy. Piano and vocal recitals and a poetry reading will also be woven into the schedule.

Sisters were to tell the stories of the women who founded the Mercy communities in New York, Little Rock, San Francisco, Buenos Aires, Cincinnati, Connecticut, Jamaica, and Guyana.

There will be representatives from those places, as well as Ireland, England, New Zealand and Peru. Some sisters will meet to discuss topics such as theology, feminist issues, higher education and ministry in Appalachia.

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