

Painting workshops slated

New watercolor workshops have been scheduled both in the area and in other states through Creative Art Workshops of West Bloomfield.

For information, write or call Creative Art Workshops, 6550 Brookshire Drive, West Bloomfield 48322, phone (810) 669-4736.

Nita Engle will show how to paint fog, brilliant sunshine, foliage, the sea, sky, rocks, reflections, etc. in her Nita 1 class, taking place Nov. 18-20 in Louisville, Ky., and Feb. 17-19 in Pasco, Wash. Participants will work on six paintings — three with drawings and three without. Cost is \$450.

Engle's Masterclass will present advanced techniques for artists who have taken the Nita 1 basic course or who are advanced painters. Participants will work on their own compositions. The class will be offered Sept. 20 to Oct. 2 in the Detroit suburbs and Jan. 20-22 in Bodega Bay, Calif. Cost is \$475.

Donna Vogelheim will present a class on a Caribbean cruise Jan. 7-14.

A new watercolor book, "The Artistic Touch" by Chris Unwin, features 65 artists including Engle. Cost is \$29.95.

Area artists win watercolor honors



'Still Life With Tankard': This work by Ann Loveland of Orchard Lake was one of the award recipients in the 48th annual Michigan Water Color Society Exhibition, which took place at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association in Birmingham this summer.

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The Oakland County recipients and their works and honors are Susan Kell of Rochester Hills, "Lucidity," DMI Industries Inc. Award (\$500); Ann Loveland of Orchard Lake, "Still Life With Tankard," Lucy Pearson Memorial Award (\$350); Marilyn Blinder of Southfield, "Copper Harbor," Michigan Water Color Society Award (\$325).

Cash awards totaling \$4,475

were presented to 10 of the exhibiting artists. Sixty-one artists were represented in the show.

The traveling exhibition will be at the Museum of Art and History in Port Huron through Sept. 4, the Calvin College Center Art Gallery in Grand Rapids Sept. 12 through Oct. 8, the Blason Gallery at Henry Ford Community College Oct. 15 through Dec. 15, the Midland Center for the Arts in Midland Dec. 18 through March 5, the Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena March 11 through April 28 and the Oakland County Gallery in Pontiac May 2 through June 22.

Composting course offered

The last phase of Michigan's new yard waste law, which bans this material from incinerators and landfills, takes effect in March. Many communities and residents are looking for ways to reduce the amount of yard waste put out at the curb for pickup and disposal.

To help residents with this yard waste dilemma, the Oakland and Macomb Michigan State University Extension offices have

developed a "Master Composter Course." Cost is \$30. For more information or to register, call the Oakland County Extension office at (810) 858-0887 or the Macomb County Extension office at (810) 469-5190. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 23.

Fair to present pile of information

Master gardeners and master composters from Oakland County will sponsor a free Compost Fair 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Tollgate Education Center, on Meadowbrook Road at the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook in Novi.

For information, call the Oakland County Michigan State University Extension office at (810) 858-0887.

Door prizes and refreshments will be available during the demonstrations and presentations, which will include "Composting: Why and How," "Container Composting," "Hands-on Composting for Kids," "Compost Pile Turning," "Worm Composting (Vermicomposting)," "Organic Gardening" and "Demonstration Gardens."

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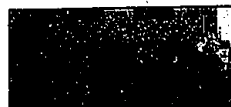
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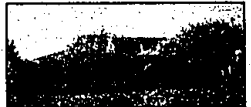
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