

Miniaturists plan big event

An exhibition of student work during the past 10 years will be presented at Miniature Makers' Workshop, 4315 N. Woodward in Royal Oak, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 22-23.

Admission is free. For information, call (810) 549-0633.

Crisa Goad, owner of Miniature Makers' Workshop, said the exhibit will celebrate her 10 years of ownership and also National Miniatures Month in October.

"I wanted the students to have a chance to show what they have accomplished," Goad said.

The exhibit will include miniature furnishings, room boxes, paintings and flowers created by the students during Workshop classes since 1984, she said.

The event will include the sale of raffle tickets for a large, six-room dollhouse. Proceeds will benefit Vista Maria, a halfway

house for neglected and abused girls. The drawing will take place Sunday, Nov. 6.

The dollhouse was built, decorated and furnished by a local miniature club, the Wee Bees, with the co-sponsorship of Miniature Makers' Workshop. The Wee Bees group is one of many associated with the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts.

Wee Bees members will display the dollhouse at the exhibition of student work at Miniature Makers' Workshop.

The Wee Bees will also host a get-together at the Workshop during the show 11 a.m. Saturday. President Shirley Cavanaugh of Grosse Pointe Woods extends an invitation to the open house to anyone interested in meeting other miniaturists, or wanting to know more about starting a club.

Among members of the Wee

Bees who produced the dollhouse along with Cavanaugh are Betale Robinson of Royal Oak, Mary Rosenbusch of Rochester Hills, Gail Braman of West Bloomfield, Mary Eierman of Bloomfield Hills, Jean Clark of Birmingham, Liz Lubera of Grosse Pointe Shores, Sue Welther of Pleasant Ridge and Iris Longo of Roseville.

The hobby of collecting and creating miniatures has grown in popularity since the adoption of a national standard for the items of one inch to the actual foot. A few miniaturists work on a scale of one-fourth or one-half inch to the foot.

About 1,000 miniaturists from all over southeastern Michigan have participated in classes at Miniature Makers' Workshop.

Studio sets fall show

Colorworks Studio of Interior Design will host its annual Fall Arts Event 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27.

Visit the studio, 32500 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, for a wonderful show including an extensive collection of original fine art, monotypes, serigraphs, lithos and exquisite glassware.

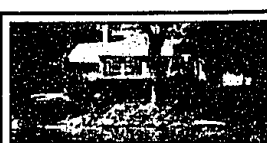
For more information, or for a private showing, call the studio at (810) 851-7540.

Pick up collecting tips

Garabed Belian of the Belian Art Center will present a slide presentation and visual arts program on the "Art of Collecting Art" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver Road, just east of I-75 in the Civic Center complex.

The program is open to the public. Admission is free. For reservations, call (810) 524-3535.

Belian will share his expertise of how to collect art, what to look for in making a selection, what type of money is involved, how to know if something is art or a fake.

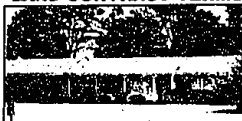


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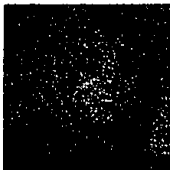
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