

# Area art center celebrates van Gogh visit

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Here's a chance to hang out with a master at the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac.

The center at 47 Williams will present "The Diggers" by Vincent van Gogh, a painting on loan from the Detroit Institute of Arts. The masterpiece will be displayed May 14-21.

Special activities and events are planned for during the exhibit. A champagne gala opening, a lecture on van Gogh's life, a box lunch and discussion about "The Diggers," a one-man dramatization, wine tasting, tours, children's workshops and a sketching contest will be featured. Refreshments at the opening will be provided by Pike Street and Allegro restaurants. Sweet Lorraine's Cafe is sponsoring the box lunches, the Merchant of Vino the wine tasting and The Art Pad the workshops. Call the center at (810) 333-7849 for information and reservations.

In the meantime, visit the center to see "Hangin' With the Master," works donated by area artists. You can make silent bids on the pieces now; final bids will be taken at the gala opening May 13. Savor the lush colors in paintings and lithographs by Pierre Bittar, Joan Brack, Lonnie Brown and Bertha Cohen. Explore the fascination of works by Ted Lee Hadfield (book shapes with pieces that include plumb bobs and

## PERSPECTIVES

screens), Joseph Weaver (paint, shellac and steel), Joe Smith (ceramic plate with an oil-like surface), Graciela Bues (paint that looks like plaster), Marilyn Schecter (Maoist strip in charcoal and pastel), Carl Toth (xerographic collage) and Reba Pintzuk (an arrangement of red wooden pieces). Find stories in photos by John Canis, Judy Elia, Tom Deutsch, Jim Klein and Rob Kangas; paintings by Labo, Nora Mendoza and Pauline. Enjoy the gentle beauty of a covered ceramic bowl by Patricia Roussetia.

### Sculpture show

The Sculptors Guild of Michigan presents an exhibit to June 1 to benefit Temple Beth El. The show is in the Nathan Shapiro Museum at the temple, 7400 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills.

Fluidity and strength show in the pieces. The figure in "The Shepherd" by Alex Buchan is powerful and gentle as it rescues a lamb. Buchan's "Freedom" is a nude figure with birds flying from its hand; both the figure's flowing hair and the winging birds give a sense of freedom.

"Three Graces" and "Waltz" by Sylvia Perle capture motion and convey grace. Grace is also seen in "The Lady and the Peacock" by Earle Davis, with the lady's hand

merging with the head of the bird, her robe with its tail. "Repose" by Charles Balogh is restful but also slightly tense, contained within a square space. "Torneo" by Balogh features a small face.

"Kaleesa" by John Kratoski is a sleek and shiny abstract figure. "Going Home" by Maude O'Hara is a realistic little girl. "Spring Breeze" by Rosemary Busch is a faceless figure resting at a post.

### Clarification

A reader called about the April 13 article on the Palette Guild to say that the article should have said the guild originated in Old Redford in January 1954.

### Around and about

A brochure created for Camp Oakland Youth Programs Inc. of Oxford has been awarded a place in a juried show at The Scarab Club in Detroit. The 12-page brochure was created by two members of the Camp Oakland executive committee. Paige Curtis of Bloomfield Hills, president of the advertising firm of Paige Curtis Inc., handled the concept and writing. Graphic design and art direction were the work of William (Skip) Davis of Southfield, a partner in the Detroit-based Davis is Martin Group. The show is the 50th annual Advertising Art and Design Exhibition continuing through May 20 at The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth. . . . Pastel

artist Mary Tomas of Troy, portrait instructor at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester, was judge for the Garden City Fine Arts Association's Spring Exhibit and Sale, continuing to May 13 at the Garden City Public Library, 2012 Middlebelt. . . . Oakland County residents are among the Detroit Institute of Arts volunteers who will receive service pins at a special luncheon Saturday, May 20, in Prentiss Court at the DIA. Elsie Golden of Farmington Hills will be awarded a 25-year service pin, and Mary Louise Ives of Bloomfield Village and Sheila Trepeck of Bloomfield Hills 20-year pins. Volunteer committee officers beginning new terms of office that day include chairman-elect Maryanne Gibson of Southfield, recording secretary Roxanne Fay and corresponding secretary Wendy Evans of Bloomfield Hills and treasurer Delphine Sheridan of Orchard Lake. . . . Rick Burger of Rochester, a watercolorist known for his boat and water scenes, is featured artist at the 16th annual Mount Clemens Art Fair, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 13, on Macomb Place in downtown Mount Clemens.

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## OPENING EXHIBITIONS

This is a listing of gallery exhibit receptions and openings and other art-related events taking place this week.

**COLORWORKS STUDIO INC.** Wednesday-Thursday, May 17-18 — Colorworks will host its annual Spring Fine Arts Event 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and noon to 8 p.m. Thursday at 32500 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. Join the studio for a wonderful show including an extensive collection of original fine art, monotypes, serigraphs, lithos, exquisite glassware, sculptured metal and much more. Call (810) 851-7540 for information.

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM** Thursday, May 11 — Museum director Gregory Witkopp will give a slide lecture, "Behind the Rope: An Insider's View of the Restoration of Saarinen House."

7:30 p.m. Thursday in the deSalle Auditorium at 1221 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Call (810) 645-3323.

**SMITH THEATRE GALLERY** Thursday, May 11 — "Our Virginia Women in Art" continues to June 9. Awards reception and open house 7 p.m. Thursday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-96 in Farmington Hills.

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM** Friday, May 12 — The 1995 Graduate Summer Exhibition will continue through Sept. 17 at 1221 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Opening reception 5-8 p.m. Friday. Call (810) 645-3323.

**MESA ARTS** Friday-Saturday, May 12-13 —

Jewelry Month at Meas Arts, 32800 Franklin Road in Franklin, begins with a trunk show by Christopher Enterprises 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Call (810) 851-9249.

**CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES**

Friday, May 12 — The 1995 Student Exhibition, May 13-28 at 201 E. Kirby in Detroit, will feature more than 2,000 works in a wide range of media. Guest Friday will be able to view and buy works of the emerging artists and enjoy food and music at the patron's reception (5-6 p.m.); tickets are \$150 and exhibit opening (6-9 p.m.); admission is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Admission to the exhibit is free. Call (313) 872-9463 or (313) 872-3118, Ext. 282.

**CREATIVE ARTS CENTER**

Vincent van Gogh's "The Diggers" will be on loan from the Detroit Institute of Arts May 14-21 at 47 Williams in Pontiac. Events celebrating the exhibit include a champagne gala and auction 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13; "A Tragic Hero: The Art and Life of Vincent van Gogh," a lecture by Axel Rieger of Cambridge University, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 14; "Lunch with Vincent," a box lunch and gallery talk, noon to 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, May 15 and 17; "Vincent," a one-man play by Loft Productions, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 18-19; "VINCENT: The Art of Winetasting," a wine tasting event with light refreshments and music, 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 20; a sketching contest and children's workshops. Call (810) 333-7849 for information.



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