

FINE ARTS

Artists spout off in teapot exhibit

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"Sleepod in Tradition: The Contemporary Teapot" at the Ariana Gallery in Royal Oak shows a variety of teapot forms by more than 100 potters from the United States, Canada and England.

Imagination was brewing for these pieces, some of which are functional as well as artistic. Here are the serious, the whimsical, the fantastic. Some colors seem to be gently luminous, while others shine like jewels. Some forms look as though they are rearing back,

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their spouts ready to burst forth in song or declaration. Figures and flowers are among the shapes and decor.

One of the teapots by Michigan artist Susan Reiner looks like a placed jumble of tiny bottles. John Click of Farmington Hills presents small teapots with a natural, swiveling design in the surface and rockers on the base.

A form by Michael Duval of Michigan has a perky character, with its arrangement of stripes, dots and bright colors. A teapot by Michigan artist Paul Young is compact with a bamboo handle.

Fong Choo presents miniature teapots, while those by Brad Schwieger are large. Tim Mather's teapots are like parts of machinery or little machines

themselves. A shape by Hep Sakuwa features marbles and such icons as Mickey Mouse, a circus poster and a salt label. A teapot by Kathy Tripplett is flat and has an unusual shape like a device out of science fiction. Eric VanElmern's teapot is joyous with white dots standing out from the surface and rockers on the base.

A form by Jonathan Kaplan is tall, slender and black like the model of an art deco building. A set by Stephen Schiffer has sleek, low shapes. Lisa Stinson's set is like a totem pole, with pot, creamer and sugar bowl stacked on top of one another.

The exhibit continues to Oct. 14 at 119 S. Main (call (313) 546-8810).

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