

FINE ARTS

Paint Creek hosts holiday gift gallery preview party

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine in Rochester, plans a gala Holiday Gift Gallery Preview Party 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Preview party-goers can select one-of-a-kind gifts and accessories from an exciting array of original jewelry, handbags, jewelry, ceramics, glass, drawings, prints, furniture, toys, ornaments and greeting cards — all created by 50 professional artists.

"I love the idea of a preview party," said PCCA special events coordinator Kristy Mitchell. "It's like being the first to arrive at a really good sale. You're bound to find something you absolutely cannot do without."

In addition to advance access to the Holiday Gift Gallery, preview party patrons can also enjoy an

exhibit of contemporary art by John Sindelar, chamber music by the Sapphire Quartet and an elegant buffet of hors d'oeuvres, mini desserts and champagne.

The party is sponsored by the Friends of PCCA, an auxiliary of art center members. Admission is \$15 per person, \$10 of which is tax deductible. Call the PCCA at (810) 651-4110 for more information.

Business contributors to the party include Marilyn Trent Designs, Merchant of Vins, Silk Warehouse and Susan Fulcher Catering. The gift gallery runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Nov. 21 to Dec. 22.

ROCK ON

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoesen Farm will host an exhibit called "Rocking Horses and Music Boxes" this holiday season, Nov. 25 to the end of January. Antique, contemporary and unusual rocking horses and music boxes are still needed for the display. If you would like to loan any of these items, call the museum at (810) 656-4663.

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