

## FINE ARTS

## Abstract paintings suggest keys to a message

## PERSPECTIVES



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Nozkowski lives and works in

Thomas Nozkowski: A Survey Exhibition: A Gallery Project in Female displays a visual ballet of emotion and memory.

New York City. He paints to capture the emotional resonance of events in his everyday life.

The paintings have a life, like that of forming and dividing cells. Shapes float across the surface, colored forms distinct from the background. Sometimes a shape is repeated in one work. One painting features a form resembling a rusty gear of a machine.

Surfaces are small, allowing images to be viewed as though on a sort of microscope slide.

One work consists of painted forms hanging from a string stretched from two walls like a

theatrical line. The forms suggest icons or symbols, possible keys to a message.

## Great outdoors

Explore the great outdoors in an exhibit at the Dancing Eye Gallery, 150 N. Center in Northville (call (810) 449-7088).

The show, continuing through March 29, features black and white photos by Southfield resident Robert Zeichner.

"There are no hidden meanings in these images," Zeichner said in a statement. "They are purely an attempt to convey the sense of wonder and joy I experienced while making them."

Zeichner succeeds in conveying this. The photos show the beauty of nature, places where human intervention is slight or non-existent.

Waterfalls take on the appearance of silk strands. A wooden railing edges a path amid wild trees. Desert scenes look as though they came from another planet.

## Garden delights

Escape from the cold this month with a visit to the Center Line Public Library, there to view "Whimsical Gardens," an exhibit by Farmington Hills artist Staci Miron (call (810) 758-8275).

Miron paints floral portraits in pastel, watercolor and acrylic on large and small canvases. Magnolias, lilies, pansies, gardenias, gladioli are among her subjects. A petal flows like a twisting skirt.

The library is at 7345 Weingart, west of Van Dyke and north of 10 Mile, behind the shopping center plaza. Follow library signs.

## Brush painting

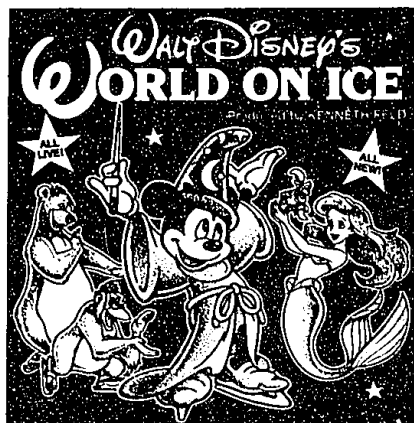
The ink. Sign! The Brush Dances! The current exhibit of Chinese brush painting at the Oakland County Galleria couldn't have a better name.

The show, continuing through Feb. 28 in the Executive Office

Building at 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac (call (810) 868-0415), displays works by members of the Chinese Brush Club.

Their love of the beauty of Oriental art comes through, whether in "simple" portraits or full scenes. Birds, flowers, mountains, animals, trees, shores, people — all are subjects sensitively presented by the artists in various styles. A single brush stroke can convey the grace of a wing or the charm of a petal. It is a gentle art with a clear voice.

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## SPOTLIGHTS SEARCHING

Quality crafters and artists are wanted for "Spotlights," a juried arts and crafts show sponsored by Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre Guild. Juries will take place Thursdays, Feb. 29 and March 14; reservations are required. Call (810) 375-5605 or (810) 370-3305, Ext. 1023. Show dates are Sept. 21-22. This is the fifth annual fund-raiser of the guild. The guild's purpose is to promote community interest in the Theatre, provide supplemental services for the actors and

technical crew and provide general support for the Theatre.

## HANDCOLORING

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers a one-day handcoloring workshop for adults 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28. Learn to handcolor black and white photographs. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 21. For more information, call the PCCA at (810) 651-4110.

## ARTIST TO SPEAK

Photo artist Caron Nederlander, director of the Franklin Center for Behavior Change in Southfield, will speak to senior citizens at West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation's Women's Breakfast Club Thursday, Feb. 22. Nederlander will discuss how taking

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snapshots can provide a therapeutic approach to fulfillment. She will also share some of her favorite nature photographs and discuss her book "Changing Views."

All Breakfast Club meetings take place 10:30 a.m. to noon in the community room of Holy Spirit Church, 4800 Orchard Lake Road at Green. A continental breakfast precedes each presentation. Cost is \$3.50 for West Bloomfield residents, \$4 for non-residents. Pre-registration is requested; call (810) 334-5660.

As a volunteer docent working for the Detroit Institute of Arts during the 1970s, Nederlander witnessed the joy that color mixed with imagination brought to children and resolved to dedicate her own art to the task of healing and helping. Today she uses photographic art to treat anxiety and depression as a clinical psychologist and marriage counselor. She also exhibits her impressionistic photographs at art galleries, art

fairs and one-woman shows throughout the country.

## ARTS TALK

Samuel Sachs II, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, will discuss the DIA's "Treasures of Venice" exhibit that opens Sunday, public funding and other topics on "LawTalk" with host/attorney Mark Accettura. The program will air 8 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 19 and 26, on Book Channel 11 in Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham and Franklin. On Time Warner Channel 12 in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Redford and Livonia, the program will air 8 p.m. Mondays, March 4 and 25 and April 15, and 4 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 15, March 7 and 28 and April 18. "LawTalk" also airs on Omnicom and Continental Cable.

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