

FINE ARTS

# BBAA is offering a variety of classes this spring

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Mary Kucine, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or fax them at (810) 644-1314.

■ SPRING SCHEDULE

The spring term at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association offers more than 115 classes and workshops for children and adults, including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, pottery and jewelry. The schedule features 14 brand-new classes and workshops. Call (810) 644-0866.

■ ARTISTS NEEDED

The historic Longacre House in Farmington Hills seeks applications from artists for its juried Art, Antique and Music Festival, taking place Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Call Suzanne at (810) 477-8404 for information.

■ IN 'SPOTLIGHTS'

Quality crafters and artists are wanted for "Spotlights," a juried arts and crafts show sponsored by Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre Guild. Show dates are Sept. 21-22. A jury will take place Saturday, April 20, at 101; reservations are required. Call (810) 375-5605 or (810) 370-3305, Ext. 1023.

■ VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Gallery service and gallery information volunteers are urgently

needed to greet and assist visitors to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Weekend volunteers are especially needed. You can make a difference in assuring the galleries are open during museum hours. The next gallery service training session is 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 13, in the Holly Room at the DIA, 5200 Woodward. Gallery information training sessions are Saturday-Sunday, April 27-28. Call DIA Volunteer Services at (313) 833-0247 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays for more information.

Volunteer orientation for all eight DIA service committees will be 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, in the museum's Lecture Hall. Many different opportunities await volunteers depending on their interest and time. Eight service committee chairs will offer brief orientation of each committee. Refreshments and discussion will follow.

■ PAPERMAKING

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers a six-session papermaking workshop for adults 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays, April 26 through May 31. Explore the possibilities of surface design in handmade paper. Registration deadline is Friday, April 19. For more information, call the PCCA at (810) 651-4110.

■ BEADWORKING

Registration is on for spring session beadworking classes taught by Gail Frederickson, a board member of the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild. The classes are offered by the Birmingham Public Schools Community Education Department and take place 7 p.m. at Seaborn High School, Lincoln and Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

## ARTBEAT

Enrollment is limited. Materials are included in class fees. Call (810) 203-3800 to register or for more information.

Classes, days and fees are: "Weed Necklaces Necklace," four Mondays beginning April 22, \$40; "Shaggy Beadset," three Tuesdays beginning April 23, \$35; "Headed Miniature Pouch Necklaces," four Wednesdays beginning April 24, \$44; "Headed Earrings," three Wednesdays beginning May 22, \$30; "Peyote Stitch Workshop," six Thursdays beginning April 25, \$58; and "Headwoven Tapestry Necklaces," four Mondays beginning May 20, \$44.

■ PCCA CLASSES

Register now for the eight-week session of spring classes, April 15 to June 10, at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Classes fill quickly. Registration may be made in person at the art center, 407 Pine, two blocks west of Main in downtown Rochester, or by calling (810) 651-4110.

Four- and five-year-olds can experience the wonderful world of art through introductory classes encouraging self-expression in various media. Older youngsters, ages 6-14, have their choice of studio classes in cartooning, clay, drawing, painting or mixed media. Offerings for adults include cartooning, clay, drawing, design, matting, painting, papermaking, photography and tapestry. High school students are welcome in the adult program. All PCCA classes and workshops are taught by professional artists who share their enthusiasm for the creative process with students of all skill levels.

■ ART TRIP

The Michigan Oriental Art Society will make a one-day trip by plane Saturday, April 27, to visit the Art Institute of Chicago to view an exhibit of Japanese screens from the Idemitsu Museum of Arts. Non-members are welcome. Call Gary Reamer at (810) 435-0171 or Patricia Beer at (810) 357-4840 for information.

■ ARTISTIC SESSIONS

The ART & Calligraphy Studio, 8166 Cooley Lake Road, White Lake, offers airbrush project classes with Candy Margerson (with Session 17-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 16 and 23; Session II, Backgrounds for Calligraphers, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 30 and May 7; and Session III 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, May 14 and 21) and watercolor classes with Susan Jager 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for six Wednesdays beginning April 17. Advance, prepaid registration required. Call (810) 360-6429 for information.

■ 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. Monday, April 15, and 4 p.m. Thursday, April 18, on Time Warner Channel 12 in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Redford and Livonia. "LawTalk" also airs on Omnicon and Continental Cable.

■ TAPESTRY CLASS

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers a new eight-week tapestry class, taught by fiber artist Ann Schumacher, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 16 to June 4.

Students will build portable looms, learn basic tapestry techniques and creatively explore color, design and texture. For more information, call the PCCA at (810) 651-4110.

Schumacher, who has her master of fine arts degree from the Cranbrook Academy of Art, is an associate professor of textiles and design at Berea College in Kentucky. Earlier this year she exhibited her handwoven tapestries at the PCCA in a one-person show titled "Reflections in Time."

■ VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Southfield Cultural Arts Division needs volunteers who would like to help 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday at the division's new home, the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Duties include answering the phone and handling questions regarding upcoming Cultural Arts events as well as greeting visitors to the center and directing them to the appropriate office.

You don't have to be knowledgeable in the arts to help. Call Marlowe Belanger, Cultural Arts Division manager, at (810) 424-9034 to volunteer.

The division is an arm of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department. The division sponsors and presents concerts, art exhibits, travel and classic film series, classes in dance, art and foreign language and school-break day camps for children. It is also involved with City of Southfield Tours, and the Southfield Symphony and many more performing groups in the area. The division's phone number is (810) 424-9022.

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## Exhibit features one-of-a-kind dollhouses

Art collectors as well as doting grandparents won't want to miss the opportunity to view an unusual collection of dollhouses commissioned by the Detroit Artists Market.

Twenty prominent artists and architects have designed and built one-of-a-kind dollhouses for

exhibit at the Somerset Collection April 11-23. The dollhouses will be auctioned by representatives of the Frank Beas Gallery Wednesday, April 24, at Neiman Marcus to benefit the Detroit Artists Market.

The dollhouses will be exhibited April 11-23 in the Somerset Rotunda, and individual houses will be featured in Au Courant Optical Fashions, Burberry's Ltd., Doubleday Book Store, FAO Schwarz, Laura Ashley, Louis Vuitton, Mont Blanc, Oilly, Tolbot's Kids, The Nature Company and Tiffany & Co.

A series of Somerset Collection sponsored events are inspired by the dollhouses: an afternoon tea Saturday, April 20 in the Rotunda, a celebrity reading of one of Samantha's American Girl stories

by Sherry Margolis at the Doubleday Book Store 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, a patent and child "pan-jama party" with puppeteer Maureen Shiffman at Oilly 4:15 p.m. Saturday, April 20, and the dollhouse auction and cocktail reception sponsored by Neiman Marcus 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23. The Nature Company, Neiman Marcus and Laura Ashley are planning activities for children Saturdays, April 13 and 20.

All events are open to the public with advance reservations. Ticket purchases are required for the American Girl tea at \$10 per person and for the cocktail reception and auction at \$50 per person. Admission is free to other activities. For reservations, call the Somerset Collection at (810) 643-7440.

The dollhouses were created in response to the Artists Market's challenge to the local artistic community. Architects, designers and artists were asked to donate their imagination and creativity to produce a "playable" house for sale to benefit the Artists Market.

Proceeds from all activities will benefit the Detroit Artists Market, a non-profit organization dedicated to encourage the exhibition, understanding, appreciation and sale of contemporary art by both emerging and established Michigan artists. It also provides educational programs for the public and scholarship support to Michigan art students. For more information, call the Artists Market at (313) 393-1770.

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