

FINE ARTS

Artist's 'Fantasies' come to joyous life

PERSPECTIVES



MARY KLEMIC

They delight the viewer as they decorate any part of any room.

Hofeinz, who now lives in Indianapolis with her husband and children, will be among the 180 artists from around the country featured at the 15th Annual Birmingham Art Fair, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 11, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday,

May 12, at Shain Park, at Bates and Merrill, south of Maple and east of Southfield Road in Birmingham. Hofeinz had attended the fair many times, but this year will be the first she will participate in the event.

You can tell that Hofeinz enjoys her work. Reached by phone at her home for an interview, she was "painting away" during the conversation.

"Humor is very important to me," said the artist, who has been featured on public TV in Indianapolis. She is the daughter of Margaret and Sid Smith of Birmingham.

"I'm sure Michelangelo had fun. We just do different things." The bright colors and light-heartedness about Hofeinz's whimsical pieces contribute to the joyous effect they have on viewers.

"(They give) just a happy feeling."

Hofeinz's fantasies include goldfish -- some with long eyelashes and a rather flirty air, some with wide eyes and a fresh, childlike look -- and flowers with petals surrounding little faces bearing a variety of expressions.

A piece called "Family Tree" features human figures on its branches. Her festive art can be found on switchplates, clocks and wooden frames of mirrors. Some goldfish are in "bowls" that could rest nicely on a windowsill. In pots or watering cans or other containers, the flowers could add cheer to a patio or table inside.

Hofeinz is working on a frog, inspired by the saying about "You have to kiss a lot of frogs before you find a prince."

She has always loved art.

"My mother says that from Day One I always had the crayons out. That seemed to be my way to entertain myself."

Hofeinz took Saturday classes by artist Glen Michaels at Cranbrook. Another art teacher, Sister Suzanne at Marian, was a "no-holds-barred kind of teacher."

Hofeinz majored in art -- studying printmaking -- at DePaul University, where she graduated in 1970. She got away from art, "raising kids and junior leaguers and all the things a mother in the community was supposed to do," but then returned to it in her current style about five years ago.

"I was trying out to see my sister in L.A. and was doodling ...

and drew some of these flowers with faces in them. (I thought) that makes me happy, so I kept the scrap of paper."

At about the same time, the family was redoing its bathroom. Looking for wallpaper, Hofeinz decided to paint part of the wall and ceiling blue and added cutout stars.

Her children's fondness for goldfish ("The kids would bring home a bejillion fish") came into play. Then husband Fred gave her a band saw, and "All of a sudden I had no excuse."

Hofeinz believes that humorous art is legitimate art.

"All of my art always had a humorous touch to it."

"It just came to me with fun."

Fred often mans the booth

when Sarah takes part in art fairs.

"We have a ton of fun. It's very nice to sit and get feedback."

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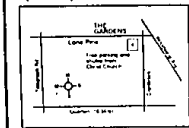
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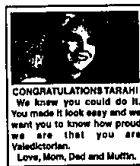


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