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Eclectic expressions: The Artfull Home features a variety of art works, including a kimono style fiber piece by Cynthia Wayne Gaffield (left), a wood chair with a magical look by Craig Convissor (below, left) and clay sculpture by Mark Chatterley (below, center). Julie Brannon of the Ann Arbor Art Center (right) hangs paintings in preparation for the opening.



Artful lodger: House shows comfort with art



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The Artfull Home is a showhouse with a difference; it's a work of art inside and out.

It isn't just that — during this month — the house at 706 Dornoch Drive in the Polo Fields at Zeeb and Liberty roads in Ann Arbor is where workshops, lectures and demonstrations by artists, and a children's drop-in art workshop, are taking place.

It's that more than 100 Michigan artists made everything in the comfortable, two-story residence — furnishings as well as art pieces. Visiting there is a way to see how fine art can be integrated into a home. And all of the art and furnishings are for sale.

"(It shows) you really can live with art," said Liz Lemire, Artfull Home art coordinator and Gallery Shop director.

"Everything in the home illustrates quality, artistry and innovation," said Jackie Wright, chair of the Artfull Home volunteer committee. "Not everyone can commission an army of artists to design every detail of their homes, but touring the Artfull Home may be the next best thing. It's literally an experience in living with art!"

The Artfull Home is open to the public now through Sunday, June 29, as part of the

Home Builder's Association Showcase of Custom Homes tour. Proceeds will benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center's outreach community programs.

The 3,450-square foot house was designed by BRG Custom Homes as a personal residence. It displays technology as well as art. An integrated phone automation system gives access to lighting, electrical outlets, heating and cooling, a security system and a home theater.

Settings with lighting, music and entertainment can be programmed in each room. The marble floor in the master bathroom is heated for cool mornings.

Artistic touches

Art works in a variety of media bring graciousness to the spaciousness. You'll see pieces arranged on a broad ledge in the living room — and paintings in the laundry room, fabrics in an upstairs room touched by natural light. Works with energy and bright color were selected for the exercise room.

Among the art pieces are vibrant watercolors by Connie Lucas, a sophisticated iron and glass table by Peter Czuk, and clay forms by Mark Chatterley that suggest graceful trees with their rough texture and flowing stance.

The neutral tones and maple floors in

