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AFRICAN-AMERICAN ART FAIR AT NORTHLAND CENTER

Hi-Line Gallery of Southfield will host the Ninth Annual African-American Art Fair, Saturday-Sunday, August 28-29 at the Northland Center, east of the Lodge Freeway, between 8 and 9 Mile roads.

The art fair will kickoff with a reception, 7-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27 at the Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit.

The exhibit will feature original works by national artists, including John Bloomfield, Lashun Deal, Kathleen Wilson, and Ted Ellis. These artists will

be available to sign prints of their work during the art fair.

For more information, call (248) 269-8046.

BRAC OFFERS FREE PHOTO WORKSHOPS

Iwashashi Takashi, renown Japanese photographer will present two free workshops at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11.

The workshops will be held at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

The morning lecture, "Through the Lens of the Japanese Eye: The Wonder and Beauty of Nature," is aimed at professional photographers.

The early afternoon lecture, "Ki and Art," is intended for the general public.

The workshops are held in conjunction with Iwashashi's exhibit, "Rockies: From Alaska to Mexico," which opens Sept. 11 in the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center commons.

For information, call (248) 644-0866.

NEW INTERACTIVE COMEDY TO DEBUT IN PONTIAC

The Nederlander Organization announced the Detroit-area debut of "Flanagan's Wake."

Tickets are currently on sale for the Thursday, Oct. 7 opening.

"Flanagan's Wake" has run for five years in Chicago. The audience-participation comedy features live Irish music, and is set in the fictional town of Grapplin, County Sligo, Ireland. Members of the cast and audience meet to lament the death of Flanagan, a popular local figure.

Members of the audience are asked to join in a remembrance of the departed Flanagan.

For more information, (248) 932-0690.

ART ON THE GREEN SET FOR LABOR DAY

The Franklin Arts council will hold the 18th annual "Art on the Green," a fine-art show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6.

In addition to the range of media, there will be musical performances by local folk musicians and a hands-on art project.

Proceeds from the art show will benefit Very Special Arts of Michigan and other community organizations.

For information, call (248) 217-0399.

NEW BRAC BOARD MEMBERS

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center has announced a new slate of officers and five trustees.

The new officers include:

- Hugh Mahler of Birmingham elected as president.
- Pat Wiley of Bloomfield Hills, elected as first vice president.
- Lolla Envelev of Birmingham, elected as second vice president.
- Elaine Borruso of Bloomfield Hills, reelected as secretary.
- Harry Cendrowski, reelected as treasurer.

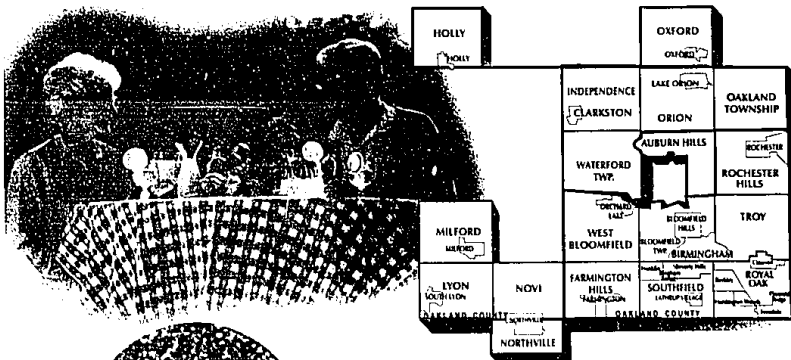
New board members, include: John Bloom of Southfield; Kim Dennison, Barbara Denomme, Richard James, and Carole Wendel, all residents of Bloomfield Hills.

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