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AMIST OPENING
Meet Canton artist Jim lankson at a reception for the opening of his exhibit 8 p.m. Wednerday, July 11 at Workbench Contemporary Furniture, 410 North Fourth, Ann Arbor. The display is part of the Ann Arbor Art Centre's Exhibitions on Location Program. For information, call (734) 994-8040, ext. 104. Metamorphic Transmission, a one-man show of his pointillist paintings, continues to Aug. 12 in Ann Arbor. The collection features new, recent and earlier work. Isakwor's love of nature shines through the precise dots of paint that capture natural forms in abstract style. A graduate of Centre for Creative Studies in Detroit, Isakwon uses vibrant colors and swirling shapes to show spiritual energy and movement that is prevalent in nature.

WRITERS READING

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Seven writers from southeastorn Michigan and two from
Canada will read their winning
entries in the Detroit Women
Writers-sponsored Detroit Tricentennial Writing Competition
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 at
the Plymouth District Library,
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Writers competed in the categories of poetry, short story, and creative non-fiction. Among the winners are Bloomfield Hills resident Kathleen Walsh Spenciad Robin Gaines and Shirley Weimar of Northville. Kathleen Ripley Leo, a Northville author and project coordinator, will



Artists Through the Years: This watercolor by Jack Olds is one the works in an exhibit by past and present Livonia Arts com-

introduce the winners. Lee, Alicia Elster, Barry Knister and Virginia Parker judged the competition as members of Detroit Women Writers, an organization composed of men and women dedicated to encouraging writing of the highest professional standards.

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The photographic work of
Brian Watkins, a 1972 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate, will be featured in a memorial show at the Plymouth Community Arta Council, 774 North
Sheldon at Junction. An opening
reception is scheduled for 3-5
p.m. Sunday, July 15.
Watkins, who worked several
years as a photo editor for The
Crier, was well known in the
Plymouth area for his photographs and striking black and

white photo etchings.

After his death two years ago, a former teacher and friend, Barbara Masters, decided to publish a small folio of Watkins work to commemorate his talent and raise money for the education of his daughter Jessica Trieskey. The folio, which was assembled with the help of a number of Watkins' friends, will be for sale at the arts council on the day of the reception. After that, copies will be available at Frameworks in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

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ARTISTS THROUGH THE YEARS

Past and present Livonia Arts
Commissioners continue to show

Commissioners continue to show their work through Tuosday, July 31 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Variety best describes the paintings, ceramics and sculp-ture in Artists Through the Years. Dedicated to the memory of Marie Tuthill, the exhibit fea-tures florals and country landtures florals and country land-scapes by the late Livonia resi-dent who was one of the found-

ing members of the arts commission as well as an award winning painter.

Cliff Dwellers by Robert Sheri-

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dan take viewers to another time and place with its long blue and earth-colored architecture. Sara Dickens makes a room seem sur-real by placing a peach in an out-of-the-ordinary place. The focal point keeps the eye moving and the viewer wondering what

and the viewer wondering what it means.

Barbara Stewart's painting gives color to the staid white Livonia landmark known as Bates Hamburgers while Billie Thompson's watercolors vibrate with reds and oranges. Electra Stamelos goes large scale with her paintings which include a bug-eaten cababage intriate with detail. Subtlety is the key word when describing Jo Griffing Witt's blue collage of butterflies. Depending on your task, there's something here for everyone although not all of the work is for sale.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. For more information, call (734) 466-2536.





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