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Art show

Norma Penchansky-Glasser shows gestural figurative drawings in crayon on paper and bronze sculptures in Pivotal Space a show opening Tuesday, Sept. 3, in the Washington Street Gallery, 215 East Washington Street, Ann Arbor.



The exhibit runs through Saturday, Sept. 28. Meet Penchansky-Glasser at an opening reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday. (734) 761-2287.

Couch potato

Here's a chance to hold your own Dark Shadows marathon at home: Dark Shadows DVD Collection Two, (559-98) with 40 episodes of the popular 1960s-70s spooky soap opera, was released on DVD this week.

The four-disc set tells the bewitching story of immortal vampire Barnabas Collins and the people of fictional Collinsport.

The set includes show episodes 251-290, as well as bonus interviews with series creator Dan Curtis and actors. Dark Shadows inspired two movies, two novels and currently airs on the Sci-Fi Channel.

Everybody polka!

Can't polka?

You'll also find rock bands, like the Howling Diablos, at this year's Hamtramck Labor Day Festival, Saturday, Aug. 30-Monday, Sept. 2.

The Howling Diablos perform at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2 on the festival's north stage.

The Polish Muslims, Squeeze Doctors, Brothers Groove, The Wilches, Waxwings and many other local groups will entertain during the three-day event.



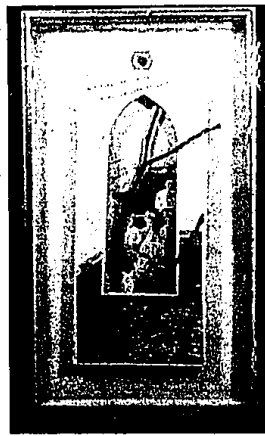
Howling Diablos

Visitors also will find ethnic food booths, a petting zoo, puppet shows, storytellers, a classic car cruise, a parade (1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2) and polka bands. The action takes place in the heart of the city, on Joseph Campau between Caniff and Carpenter.



38 Special plays old favorites and new 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, on the Flagstar Bank Stage.

Four-day festival bigger and better than ever



Michele Riddell Bagnasco shows her 3-D mixed media work along with more than 180 artists at Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Arts, Beats & Eats and the band 38 Special have something in common — a history of pleasing crowds. Granted the four-day festival's only been around five years compared to the rock group's 27, but both continue to develop and mature.

From Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, the extravaganza of visual art, music and food fills the streets of downtown Pontiac with 185 exhibitors, 43 restaurants and nearly 140 local acts plus headliners 38 Special, Clarence Clemons Temple of Soul, Isley Brothers, Sawyer Brown, Alexander Zonjic and his Smooth Jazz All Stars, Stewart Franke, and Grinders with Red Wings star Darren McCarty. Last year's event drew 1.3 million people.

"The event is growing in size to fit our large crowds," said producer Jon Witz of Troy. "We've

increased the amount of activities for kids."

It costs almost a \$1 million dollars to put on, \$225,000 for music and \$50,000 for power alone. There's lots of great stuff for families. New is the Detroit Pistons interactive basketball shooting contest with opportunities to win prizes. We have pedal cars, nine kiddie rides, an arts and crafts center, entertainment for kids. There will be everything from Italian to Mexican, seafood, Indian, and Greek food. New is the restaurant Sweet Georgia Brown and Detroit Lion Herman Moore's Bredeaux Pizza.

"We've given almost \$800,000 to charities like the Rainbow Connection, Haven and Fanchub Foundation for the Arts in the last four years, \$237,000 to charity last year just from food sales. There are 15 food themes, 17 different music styles. Something for everyone has always been

our motto and people will definitely not be disappointed this year and the admission is free."

Michele Riddell Bagnasco likes the energy of the festival. It's one of the reasons the Plymouth artist decided to show her 3-dimensional mixed

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Kalamazoo artist Lewis Tardy is sure to stop crowds with his large-scale sculptures made from automobile parts and welded steel.

CHRYSLER ARTS, BEATS & EATS

What: The festival features 185 artists, 43 restaurants, nearly 140 local acts plus headliners 38 Special, Clarence Clemons Temple of Soul, Isley Brothers and Sawyer Brown on 5-stages, children's entertainment on the Farmer Jack stage, activities for all ages

When: 4-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2

Where: Downtown Pontiac. Parking available at Phoenix Center, Woodward and Water Street (\$8) or take a shuttle from the Pontiac Silverdome, Opdyke Road and M-59 (\$5 per vehicle). For more information, call (248) 975-8850 or visit the Web site at artsbeatsand eats.com

Art fair puts on the dog for a 22nd year

Ginger DeLater finds beauty in playful pups and frozen flowers — not your average subject matter for a fine art photographer. But then there's nothing ordinary about DeLater. When she decided to go to the Rocky Mountain School of Photography in Montana for two years, the Birmingham photographer took Nikolai, her American Eskimo dog with her.

DeLater doesn't let much stop her from combining her two loves — Nikolai and photography. She likes taking him



to shows or wherever she goes. In fact, she's currently working on Dog Gone West, a book of photos from a trip they took together out west.

In the meantime, visitors to Art on the Green can smile at some of the images on Labor Day Monday, Sept. 2, in

Franklin. DeLater is one of 75 artists showing everything from painting to jewelry and printmaking.

"When I went to New York I visited the art museums but also the dog parks and in California, the dog beaches. I was inspired to do dogs at a dog club in Royal Oak where people take their dogs to play," said DeLater. "I don't pose them. It's a lot more natural. Dogs would come right up to the camera. When I'm down there printing dogs in my dark-

PLEASE SEE ART FAIR, B3

ART ON THE GREEN

What: Franklin Council for Visual and Performing Arts presents its 22nd annual fine art fair featuring 75 exhibitors

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2
Where: Village Green on Franklin Road, south of 14 Mile, Franklin. For information, call (248) 594-3093



Douglas Bacon exhibits his jewelry at Art on the Green on Labor Day.

Ballet Shoes or Wing Tips?

Makes no difference as long as you take time to put your feet up, get comfortable and spend some time with us.