ART FAIR

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room, I'm never depressed because they show you who they are. Their personalities come right out.

DeLater does portrait studies of dogs in the home, at the park or wherever they feel comfortable — the same with children or brides and grooms. She'll travel nearly anywhere to capture the essence of a subject. Her images of lowers are another matter. DeLater shots for a painterly quality to portray their softness.

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I't thought, how can I phote graph flowers differently? So I placed a rose in a container filled with water and then froze it. I try to use natural light with all my work and have even used mint in my garden for a diffused compliment is when people see compliment is when people see to which is a to say that it looks like a painting.

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DeLater likes giving compliments as well as receiving them. Her praise for Art on the Green shouldn't be taken lightly. DeLater will do eight art fairs this season, some as far away as Chicago. It was there she won Best 2-D Art in the Ella Fine Arts Show in Junc. This is her second year showing in the Franklin fair.

"It's the atmosphere," said

nard to get around it st doable, and the Franklin Cider Mill's right there.

In addition to being a great way to start fall, visitors will go home feeling good about being able to help others. The non-profit arts council donates profits from booth and jurying fees to The Community House scholarship for summer art camp, Haven, Child Abuse & Neglect Council, VSA arts of Michigan, and others.

"We do believe in giving back," said Kerr, "and we don't take a commission from artists. We have a family of artists who are with us every year. People who leave and come back, new people coming from out of state. Having people come from



Ginger DeLater captures the playful-ness of pupples through the lens of her camera.

out of state for a one-day show is a compliment."
Maybe it's the festivities of the 58th annual Labor Day parade beginning at noon at Evelyn Court and Franklin Road just south of the Franklin Cider Mill that adds to the fun. Or the art fair entertainment. One-man band Bennie Evuffman plays fair entertainment. One-man band Rennie Kaufmann plays show turnes while Blackman and Arnold take the energy level a notch lower with folk and acoustic music. Kids can make bookmarks, bracelets, collage or try their hand at painting a T-shirt designed by VSA arts of Michigan student Katie Wise. VSA provides art and music therapy programming for children and adults with disabilities.

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Groves High School art teacher,
and for a third year a booth
with 2002 Groves graduates
Jeff Pulker and Cass Highen.
We want them to have that
experience as artists - to say
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It seems the Franklin arts council is always trying to brighten someone's day. In addition to hosting art projects for children during the annual Holly Day in Franklin, this sumer they produced the first Music on the Green concert series in July.

If grew up in Franklin. They used to have the Strawberry Social, said Kerr. Thow there's this new life being breathed into the city.

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"We're (the arts council) small and we don't have an office but we hope to expand the music series next year."

But don't wait until then to the first of the arts council to the council the first of the arts council the c

enjoy the fruit of the arts coun-cil's efforts. In addition to cincy the fruit of the arts councils efforts. In addition to DeLater, fair goers are sure to-cincy the whimsical animal sculptures of G. Todd Yaughan, printmaking by Michael McCullough (Farmington Hills), glass by Andrew Madvin (West Bloomfield), and ruk ub girmingham Groves graduate Ed Risak, to name a few. "It's fine art that you might not typically see at a cruft fair, add Kern. "Sometimes people come looking for a gift. We're looking for a range of prices so everyone can feel they can walk away with something. Most of the people who come, come to buy. They don't have another



Lisa Konikow Art director

age the former Xochipilli gallery in Birmingham.

"We had over 900 artists apply from across the U.S. and Canada," said Konikow. "It's a juried fine arts show featuring, ceramics, painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, digital art, shoriefiber, glass, wood, graphics, printmaking, jewelry (precious and non-precious metal), and mixed media (2-Pa and 3-D).

The \$10,000 in awards drew some of the best local artists as well including Stam Megdall (glass), Barbara and Ernest Abel (photography) and Susan Cobb (fabric/fiber) of West Bloomfield; Donna Beaublen (mixed media) Troy; Adam Shirley (jewelry) Birmingham, and William Thayer (photography) fedford. Kalamazoo artist Lewis Turdy is sure to stopcrowds with his large-scale Redford. Kalamazoo artist Lewis Turdy is sure to stop crowds with his large-scale

sculptures made from auto-mobile parts and welded steel. "When I'm excited I'm thrilled," said Konikow. "I've

when it necessed in the thrilled, said Konikow. Twe been here since the inception We've streamlined what we do. We have package pickup for patrons. We started with 100 artists and in a few shorty years have raried a reputation as the 23rd best fine art show in the nation by Sunshine Artist magazine. Lori Witz is just as determined to carn a reputation for the music portion of the festival. She weeded through 300 submissions and CDs looking for a professional sound and different styles of music. She found up and coming artists like Southifield jazz flutist Althea Rene (see related story).

story).
"We have six stages includ-We have six stages including the Farmer Jack stage for kids," said Lori Witz, music coordinator. We try to keep it separate. The Flagstar Bank stage is rock, jazz and country, Pepsi si all types of rock, Miller Lite is blues, r & b with some jazz, Anti-Defamation League is all acoustic music, Dodge is Latin to country," Donnie Van Zant and 38 Special bring new music as well as old favorites like Hold on Loosely and Caught Up in You to the Flagstar Bank stage 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31. They've been on a whirlwind tour since February crisserossing the nation. Van Zant took a few min-

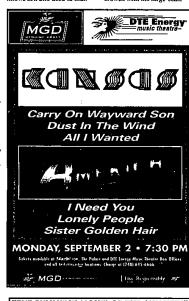
utes from a stop in Alaska to talk about the new CD 38 Special is recording in their Atlanta, Ga. studio.

"We have 8-tracks together diready," said Van Zant. "It's a rock n' roll record. We wanted something that was up in your face. We wanted to get back to it.

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"It's been a very busy year. We released A Wild Eyed Christmas Night with traditional music and four originals at the end of 2001, did a Warner Bros. tribute CD for lank Williams, and recorded a sound track to Super Troopers, a movie about troopers with an attitude. Not bad for a band celerating its 27th anniversas with an attitude. Not bad for a band celerating its 27th anniversas this tour of the state of the state

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