

Crewel Work Has Stories To Tell

By BETTY MASSON

The needlepoint and crewel exhibit being held at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, Sept. 12-14 might give the lie to the old saw about one picture being worth a thousand words.

It seems there's an interesting story behind almost every one of the 400 pieces of needlepoint and crewel that will be on display.

THE THREE crewel pictures shown by Mrs. Loren Klevering of Garden City are no exception.

One, a walrus, was com-

pleted by Susan Klevering in Jackson Prison.

A second, depicting a tree, was finished by her husband.

And a third, a zebra, came into being because the Kleverings decided that walrus looked too much like their son.

Mrs. Klevering, a former member of the Detroit City Ballet Company, was visiting the prison as a member of the Ruby Jones USO Dance Line, and she worked on her walrus crewel between dances.

The picture was originally intended for son-Jeff's room, but the Kleverings decided that the walrus looked too much like solemn, chubby-cheeked baby Jeff, now known as "Cookie Monster," a la "Sesame Street," so Mrs. Klevering finished off a charming zebra picture as a substitute.

Jeff's older sister, Kris, has her own crewel owl.

The other picture they've taken out to Meadow Brook is of a tree and was originally begun by Mrs. Klevering as a gift for her husband's mother. A largish picture, it became too much for Mrs. Klevering to complete when she became pregnant with Jeff, who is now almost two.

"It was no lap project," she laughed.

HER HUSBAND, an architect, became tired of looking at the half-completed picture and decided to give Mrs. Klevering a try. He found he liked it.

"It was very relaxing," he says. After one evening's instruction, he went on to complete the picture and build a frame for it.

Mrs. Klevering now has another picture started which her husband may complete, not because of pregnancy this time, but because she's finding it a bit tedious.

Besides they have recently moved to Garden City from Detroit, and she is hoping to become involved in teaching dancing again.

The Kleverings are not the only ones whose pictures have a story to tell nor is Klevering the only man in the company of needlepoint and crewel artists.

Both John J. Joyner and his wife, Jean, of Birmingham have entered work. Joyner was instructed in needlepoint by a lady in a church parish in Sheffield, Essex, England, during a 2½-year stay there for the Ford Motor Co.

Diane Norman of Southfield has entered a needlepoint picture done as a project for an art history course at Wayne State University that dealt with the use of primary colors. Her work is entitled "The Hands of Understanding" and depicts her and her parents.

JUDY RETZ of Westland will also have work in the show, as will Farmington residents Mrs. George Arakelain, Mrs. Maury Brassert, Marla Edgar, Mrs. Soren Eriksson, Carol



LOREN KLEVERING and his wife, Susan, both worked on the crewel picture which will be shown next week at Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. Admiring it are the Kleverings' two children, Kris and Jeff, who are also known as "Ernie" and "Cookie Monster." (Observer photo)

YW Offers Classes

Swimming classes for men and women will begin at the Northwest Branch YWCA, 25940 Grand River, the week of Sept. 18.

Pre-schoolers may be enrolled in the mother-tot classes held on Mondays and Saturdays. Classes for teens and young people are scheduled Saturdays separately or as part of a package program.

Classes for women only will be held on Wednesday evenings and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday daytimes.

Classes for men and women are held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The pool will be open for recreation swimming on the following schedule: For everyone, Monday, 12 noon-1 p.m., and 7:30-8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 12 noon-1:45 p.m., and 4-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 4-5 p.m.; Thursday 12 noon 1 p.m., 4-5 p.m., and 8-9:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

There will be swimming for women only Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m.; for adults only, Tuesdays, 8:30-10 p.m.; and for families, 8-9:30 p.m.

Registrations are now being taken at the YWCA.

Tennis Anyone?

An organizational meeting for women wishing to play in the second annual Oakland Branch YWCA tennis league will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 11.

The meeting will be held in the YWCA, 839 S. Crooks Road, Clawson. Participants must be YWCA members. A \$5 entry fee will also be charged.

There will be competition in both singles and doubles with play taking place on the YWCA courts. Participants will be placed in leagues for round robin play and winners will play off in a single elimination tournament. The names of the winners will be engraved on the Pat Sahagian Memorial Trophy.

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The exhibit will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12-14 and tickets will be sold at the door. The proceeds will be used to help maintain the hall which is now used as a conference center.

All amateur work will be judged just before the exhibit opens to the public. Two of the three judges are men.

Invitations have also been sent to celebrities requesting them to exhibit their work. Mrs. Julie (David) Eisenhower has sent a framed floral needlework piece that has hung in the bedroom of the San Clemente home of her parents, President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon.

Engaged

Mrs. Emilie A. Bolan of Southfield announces the engagement of her daughter, Teresa Marie, also the daughter of the late Robert K. Bolan, to John Joseph O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. O'Connor of Redford Township. Miss Bolan will graduate from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, in December. Her fiancé will graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado in June of 1973. They plan to be married in July 1973.

Creative Living

The creative living series sponsored by the Oakland Branch YWCA under the leadership of Mrs. Arlene Smoot will resume the first week of October. Registration for the program will open Sept. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Y, 839 S. Crooks, Clawson.

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