

# Artist's friends help celebrate her show

By LESLIE MASTERS

Reva Shwayder's friends and family came from all over the United States to help her celebrate her seventh one-woman show at the Rubiner Gallery recently.

The exhibition of acrylic paintings came as a result of sketches Reva made while on two different trips across the U.S. — one East, the other West. Ms. Shwayder has tried to capture America's beauty, and as she says: "Although I run the risk of sounding sentimental, I'm not afraid to admit I love this country and paint the places I've seen as my personal celebration of our Bicentennial."

Many of the paintings are designs with mountains and water as the themes. The artist always builds her subject matter within a framework of geometries; thus, the resulting color patterns move in and out of reality. A typical example is "Land Forms," a painting of the Canadian Rockies near British Columbia. Silver foil squares pattern the sky; these shapes are evolved in the descending landscape of rocky gray, brown and purple.

Most successful are the works in which the color and pattern changes are slight. "Calla Lilies" is a prime example. Pale orange, yellow and tan stripes move across the background and weave through the creamy white flower forms. The solidity of the design, combined with the subtle color changes, create a satisfying abstract statement.

Ms. Shwayder's exhibition will be on view through Oct. 25, at the Rubiner Gallery, 621 S. Washington, Royal Oak.



Back at work four days after facelift plastic surgery, Lotie Bluestein says it was painless and wonderful (Staff photo by Harry Mauth)

## Club Circuit

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB** is planning a guest night buffet in Schoolcraft College at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7. Reservations must be in by Friday, Oct. 24, with Jackie Crow, of Livonia.

Musie, a comical fashion show and a talk by Boyd Livingston, chaplain for the Detroit Lions, is on the agenda.

The club is without membership. All activities are open to all church women in the surrounding areas.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** Detroit Chapter, will meet in Ted's Old Town Inn in Bloomfield Hills at noon on Saturday, Oct. 25. Speaker for the afternoon is Mrs. Harid McCracken who will talk on "The Gathering Storm."

Donald J. Pennell, of Birmingham, president of the group, will preside.

**SENIOR CITIZENS DROP-IN CENTER** is open every Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Masonic Temple on Grand River and Farmington Roads. Guests are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch. Coffee and dessert are furnished.

**FARMINGTON AREA NATURALISTS** announce a change in its meeting place for one month only. The group will meet Monday, Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church on the corner of Farmington Road and 11 Mile for a talk on "Grand Canyon Suite" with Dr. Robert Douglass.

Dr. Douglass will tell about the river trip he took this summer.

**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**, Farmington Chapter, will meet at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28, in Room 125 of East Junior High School, 2500 Middle Belt Road.

Yvonne Wilson, director for St. Clair County Intermediate School District, will speak on the Haptic Program. It is a perceptual development program created for early elementary children with learning disabilities.

All meetings of the association are open to all persons interested in aiding children with learning disabilities.

**SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB** of Farmington will meet Friday, Oct. 31, at noon, in First United Methodist Church social hall, on Grand River at Warner.

Guests are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch, which will be followed by a business meeting, then card playing in the afternoon.

The club will cancel its regular meeting on Friday, Oct. 24, when the Farmington Musicale will hold a rummage sale in the church.

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS** meet for cocktails, dinner and a meeting in Farmington's Holiday Inn on Tuesday, Oct. 28. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m.

Guest speaker is Edward Padala, president of the state's newest financial organization, Michigan Savings and Loan Association in Ann Arbor.

Membership in the group is now open to men.

The paintings reflect this dedication, and more importantly, this artist's ability to create and explain his ideas in a way that is exciting and classic.

As if this weren't enough, John McKinney's Birmingham Gallery also presents sculptures of lighted plexiglas by artist Norita Freka. These most elegant constructions are box shapes including glittering prisms of polished plexiglas; elongated, twisting swords of waving grasslike forms, each reflected in the angled sheets of black and smoky plexiglas around it; and in one most intriguing work, rows and rows of hollow, cellular tubes of gray papier-mache filled and overflowing with milkweed silks.

Ms. Freka is a Cranbrook graduate and currently head of the youth department of CCS (formerly the Art School of the Society of Arts and Crafts) in Detroit. She uses this handsome and most exacting medium with skill and creative perfection.

Don't miss this show — it's a winner! It will be on view through Nov. 1, Birmingham Gallery, 1023 Haynes St.

## 'It was worth it'

# Facelift is rewarding experience

By CORINNE ABATT

Three days after a complete face and eye lift, Lotie Bluestein was back at work happily showing off her new face.

For Ms. Bluestein of Southfield, manicurist at Mr. Drew's Salon, Farmington Hills, it was a proud and long-awaited moment.

The four hour operation which she had been waiting for 10 years took place Monday, Oct. 13 at Providence Hospital.

The bandages came off the next day. Tuesday Wednesday she cruised back into work to tell her story and show the happy ending.

She says of the cosmetic surgery: "It was just a wonderful thing to go through and I want all women. I guess I should say all persons, to know they shouldn't be afraid to have the operation."

She got up from her table in the salon to fill a pan with warm water for the next manicure, came back and said with a broad grin, "I just feel wonderful."

**SHE EXPLAINED** the long wait for surgery. "You hear different stories. I'm 56 and I have to work. I figured it would be three or four weeks before I could go back to work and I couldn't take the time off."

**FOUR DAYS AFTER** the operation it was difficult to see any signs of surgery except for the fading marks under the eyes.

Her friends say she looks great — same person, younger look.

"No," she says getting her manicure table ready for another customer. "It didn't change my expression. Not even my personality."



"Bird Cage" acrylic by Reva Shwayder

Her doctor says many of his patients go back to work two or three days after a face lift.

The days of the long period of seclusion are apparently over. Operating

## Handicrafters wanted

The Farmington Area Jayettes plan a community art and crafts show for those who hand craft items, giving persons who have no other outlet an opportunity to display and sell them. The sale is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 22, in O. E. Dunkel Junior High School.

The club will rent tables for \$9 each. Proceeds above expenses will go into the auxiliary's vocational scholarship fund.

All types of hand crafted items are welcome, said Carole Keller, spokesman for the group.

Participants will set their own prices, arrange their own displays, handle their own sales and keep all the profits. As many tables as necessary may be rented by one party. The Jayettes will handle all the publicity for the sale.

"It is hoped that this sale will allow the community's talented residents an outlet for their various crafts, especially just before the holidays when

table time is about the same as for a good dye job or a permanent wave. Sure, it costs more, but to people like Lotie Bluestein it's worth every hard earned penny.

## Library looks for sitters

Friends of the Farmington Community Library are interested in setting up a babysitting service and would appreciate hearing from mothers who would be willing to help.

The group sponsored a free service for mothers of pre-schoolers in the past and will re-activate it if enough mothers are willing to participate.

Interested persons may stop at the children's room desk, in the branch library at 32731 Twelve Mile or call the desk for specifics.



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