

# Cranbrook auction to aid art scholarship

A good art auction these days is not hard to find. A very good art auction still is a real find. Cranbrook Academy of Art, board members, alumni and friends will have what they say is a very good Fine Art/Antique Auction April 25, to raise money for Academy student scholarships and operating funds.

All objects — from antique furniture and silver to contemporary paintings and jewelry — will be auctioned

from 3 to 6 p.m. April 25 in the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum, 500 Lone Pine Road. A champagne preview will take place in the Museum the night before, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. April 24, preceding the Academy Student Art Auction that runs 8 to 11 p.m. Fine Art/Antique Auction items also can be viewed from 1 to 3 p.m. April 25, just prior to the auction.

Admission to the April 24 gala preview is \$3 per person. Admission to the April 25 viewing hours and Fine Art/Antique Auction is \$3 per person. This includes a bidding paddle and catalog. Sealed bids will be taken up to auction time.

For auction ticket information call 645-3303. If any tickets remain they will be sold at the door.

Volunteer professional evaluators of the auction items stand there are some very good, even great, finds. Included in the items — all donated from members of the community — are three exceptionally good Oriental rugs, graphics that range from Chinese woodcuts to a suite of prints by the Michigan Workshop of Fine Prints artists headed by Arta Koutourelis.

Also a 16th century Italian wooden statue rescued from the Florence flood and partially restored by local photographer Balthazar Korab; four early 18th century French rose wood chairs with hand-carved seats; and collectors items from the Masai tribe in Africa to the Tlingit tribe on the Northwest Coast.

A brass carriage spool and an elephant foot add to the variety.

Items range in valuation from \$10 to more than \$1,500.

Among the Academy alumni whose works have been donated are Robert Kidd, Larry Barker, Ray Fleming, Don Willet, Glen Michaels, Susan Smyth, John Chubb, Marie Woo, J. T. Abernathy, Garland Holt.

Donating his time is auctioneer Norman Levy, called one of this country's "premier auctioneers" by Wall Street Journal.

Cranbrook Academy of Art and its Museum, which operate deeply in the red each year, are in desperate need of additional funds. As with most specialized non-profit schools, operating costs are extremely high. And, art students are involved in an especially costly field.

The Academy of Art grants the bachelor and master of fine arts and the master of architecture degrees. Student-artists who compete for the 150 places in the Academy study sculpture, painting, ceramics, silverware-

thing, fiber, architecture, printmaking, design or photography.

Fine Art/Antique Auction honorary

chairperson is Mrs. C. Allen Harlan. Auction co-chairpersons are Mrs. E. J. Hartmann and Mrs. George Zonas.

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## Women review Howe's book

The Israel Chapter of Pioneer Women will meet at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, in the Labor Zionist Institute, 3800 Middle Belt Road, Farmington.

Majava Rankin, one of the founders and first president of Israel Chapter, will review Irving Howe's book, "World of Our Fathers."

Mrs. Rankin is a case worker therapist with the Jewish family and children's service and serves as a field work instructor for Wayne State University.

For further information, call Ruth Pechere, chapter president at 277-6588. Guests are welcome.

## Madonna course views disabilities

The academic, social, emotional and vocational problems of junior and senior high school students identified as learning disabled will be the subject of a 13-week class at Madonna College, beginning May 3.

"Introduction to Learning Disabilities" will meet Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. through July 30.

Offered for credit or non-credit, the class is open to parents as well as to teachers and paraprofessionals. Parents may attend the course for non-credit for \$50.

Regular tuition for the non-credit course is \$35 per credit hour, plus fees.

Robert Settler, the instructor, said the class will focus on understanding the learning disabled teenager, new directions in education and community resources to attack problems.

Settler is a specialist in learning disabilities. He received his master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh and has had several years of experience with older special students.

For registration information, call the Education Department, Madonna College, Livonia.



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