

Artist turns people watcher

By SUSAN TAUBER KLEIN

Stephen Hansen spends a lot of time loitering, observing people. The result of the way he spends much of his time is on display in the 26-piece one-man sculpture show at Xochipilli in Rochester.

Only by observing could Hansen, 27, capture so well the look of a "Hoodlum" with his back melting into the wall, toothpick in his mouth, one knee bent against his leaning post, and his eyes intently watching everyone who goes by.

His "Viscous Woman" illustrates an old woman of any nationality peering out of an open window that might remind one of New York City, downtown Detroit or an Italian city.

Hansen, who lives in Kalamazoo, portrays what he sees in sculpture. But like his subjects, he works in an unusual medium—papier mache.

"I work with papier mache because it solves a lot of problems I had with sculpture. There's no real investment of time with it; it's fast enough to do."

"With bronze, it's virtually impossible to make some of the things I do with papier mache," Hansen said. He attributes his papier mache skills to what he learned in the third grade. Only after trying different art mediums, such as painting, jewelry making and bronze sculptures did he turn to papier mache.

HANSEN FOCUSES on the absurd in many of his pieces. In the work titled "Artificial Intelligence," he put a fish bowl containing an intelligent-looking fish on top of the head of a seemingly intelligent, Henry Kissinger-looking man. "Bored Pigeons" is a work of three pigeons trailing each other. On their backs are fingers from a person's hand, clasped together.

The largest piece on exhibit is "Master of All He Surveys." Already sold, as 16 of the 26 pieces were within the first three days of the show, "Master" is a Southern-looking gentleman in his linen suit and beige, rimmed hat, sitting back in a chair, cigar between his fingers, thinking about possible how well the stock market did that day.

while an old, cloth-cloaked man polishes his shoes.

The works have an airy feeling to them. The papier mache is light weight. Hansen paints the newspaper covered with craft paper with light colors of acrylics mixed with a gel. His works, which are narrative as well as sculptural art pieces, are hard to keep on hand for a show because of popular demand.

As soon as Hansen completes a piece there is someone waiting to buy it, said Mary Wright, proprietor of the art gallery.

"MOST OF the people's reactions to my work I don't get to see. The pieces that I think might be offensive, people aren't that offended by," Hansen said.

One example of a piece that might be offensive to viewers is "Paraplegic Flirt." It's of a suit garbed, legless man on a wheeled cart. The cart is pulled by a ridiculous-looking dog, which Hansen said he made to pull the audience's sympathy away from the paraplegic man. The man's glint in his eyes detracts from the tragedy of the whole situation.

In fact, much of what Hansen does makes one chuckle at otherwise offensive or sensitive issues. He does subtle touches of humor in simple areas. He constructed a "Beside Table" of papier mache that looks like a normal wood table until one sees what's on it. There's a night light, but it's a black crow with a light bulb in his mouth. The bulb lights, of course. Also on the table is a fake alarm clock and a Groucho mask with a mustache attached to a large nose and a pair of glasses.

Hansen exhibits regularly at Xochipilli at 115 E. Fourth and at galleries in San Francisco and Chicago. He recently spent six months in Italy where he had an exhibit for the United States Information Agency.

Hansen's exhibit at Xochipilli will continue through Saturday, April 28. The gallery hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Sunday and Monday.



Hansen captures a shrouded woman's gesture that could be found in many parts of the world.

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