

Photo display tops events

By HELEN ZUCKER

A special holiday program, "Who, When, and Where: The Romance of Old Photos," will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Green Room at Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Ms. Nancy Rosen will talk on her personal collection of turn-of-the-century photos. The evening will begin with a slide show designed to wake memories of bygone streets, neighborhoods, shops (and prices) and, above all, people.

Ms. Rosen is concerned with origins and establishing a sense of continuity in a mobile society. She received a grant from the Michigan Council for the Humanities. She spent last spring bringing her program — "HISTOP — History Shared Through Photos" — to Way School in Bloomfield Hills and Jefferson School in Royal Oak. Teachers, senior citizens and fourth, fifth and sixth graders brought in photos and exchanged childhood memories. In the program they learned how to label photos, how to store them and how to acquire information about them.

The Dec. 6 evening is sponsored by the library.

The long trek from sepia photos of bearded patriachs who arrived in America in the 1800s to Ms. Rosen and her daughter, a composer who recently cut her first record with Vanguard, should provide a sense of history in the making.

The changes in photographic paper and signs announcing that one could buy a Kodak for \$1 when cameras first became mass-market objects, adds to the sense of enormous change we have all gone through.

PART OF MS. ROSEN'S collection is currently on exhibit in a glass case outside the youth room at the library. Along with this is a bulletin board displaying photos of several librarians in their pre-school days, an exhibit of mystery children — seated in front of large, misty windows.

One photo is of librarian Barbara Klein when she was a little girl. She is standing in front of a shop sign offering groceries for surprising prices.

Part of the exhibit which came out of Ms. Rosen's work is currently on view at the Clawson Historical Museum. The exhibit will begin a statewide tour after Dec. 16.

On Dec. 8, Saturday Cinema at Bloomfield Township Library will show "Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol" at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Jim Backus is the voice of Magoo and Scrooge. The classic cartoon will be shown with the feature "Rabbit Hill." Burl Ives narrates Robert Lawson's book. Real animals from the Stamford, Conn. zoo are part of the cast. Both programs are free.

William White's collection of translations of "Old Man and the Sea" is on display. The collection includes cover illustrations and foreign versions of this American classic.

White, who teaches English and journalism at Oakland University, has amassed a vast collection of Hemingway, Faulkner, West and other authors. Publishers and friends have added to his collection, but most of the hunting was done by White. "Byline," a book of Hemingway's writings, edited by White, has been translated into many languages. The exhibit is in the main lobby.

Also on display in the card catalog room at Bloomfield Township Library is a selection of Christmas cards for sale by The Michigan Heart Association, The Cancer Foundation, United Way Agency, and a Currier & Ives calendar by The Public and Professional Education Council on Alcoholism.

A list of records from The American Diabetes Association is available. Artists have donated their work to these groups and proceeds from sales go to sponsoring groups. Order forms are available next to the card samples. One attractive group of cards comes from the Spaulding for Children people, an adoption agency for handicapped children, 10 cards for \$2. Ten cards for \$1 can be obtained from The Michigan Association For Emotionally Disturbed Children. Most of these cards can be imprinted with your name, free.

A GIFT BOOK LIST is also available at all desks. Offerings range from Erica Wittwer's "Quits of America" and Bryn Campbell's "Exploring Photography" through biographies of John Wayne, Voltaire and the latest recommended fiction, nature, travel and sci-fi books. A handy item.

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