

Exhibits planned

An exhibition, "Interior and Exterior Landscapes," will be given at Detroit Focus Gallery, July 11-Aug. 8. The show will be selected by Mel Rosas, Michigan artist. Works should be two-dimensional. Photography, drawing, painting and watercolor will be considered. Deadline for entry is June 13.

"Three Great Illusions, Time, Space and Self" will run Aug. 15-Sept. 12. This exhibition will be performance art only. Three proposals per artist may be submitted with a 30-minute maximum performance time. Entry deadline is June 27. Jean O'Kern is performance coordinator and juror.

Gary Eleinko continues to receive work at Detroit Focus for the Mail Art Show scheduled to open on Aug. 15 and run to Sept. 12. The gallery has received mail from five continents, 25 countries and a variety of states in the U.S. Deadline for entry is Aug. 1. For information on these summer programs, call 962-9025.

Natkin presides at opening of new gallery

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

At the opening of the new GMB Gallery on Hamilton, artist Robert Natkin was one of the most modest persons ever to hold court.

He spoke in an unaffected manner, as if this were his first one-artist show and the paintings on the first and second floors of the new gallery were selling in the hundreds instead of the thousands of dollars.

Admitting that his large, color-rich,

abstract works create an immediate feeling of well-being and good will, he said, "But I have had an unhappy life." He went on to explain his art was a way of trying to find happiness, to create it for himself and to share with others.

There's apparently no hidden meanings to these works beyond aesthetic enjoyment with their awesome use of color and arrangements of designs. This latter is most often subtle and beautiful, the colors, sometimes as muted as the dawn of an early spring

morning or as vibrant as a sunset. But he avoids all of the triteness that would come from trying to reproduce such things. The works clearly come from inner feelings.

Natkin told his listeners that an innate sense tells him when a painting is working well or not, and that he is suspect when it goes too easily. That's a warning, he said, that he could be falling into a trap where they would look at the quality he wants would be lost.

GMB Gallery has a history of success


in handling Natkin's work and the opening last Thursday was no exception. The red dots indicating works sold were popping out quickly. And the sale of Natkin's signed posters was brisk.

This new gallery with worldwide connections is a welcome addition to the city and it brings a whole new segment of the art-buying public with it. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 344 Hamilton Row, Birmingham. Brothers Michael and Robert Zennedjian are the gallery directors.

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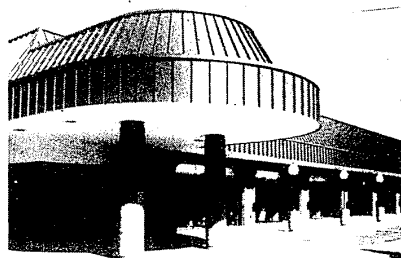
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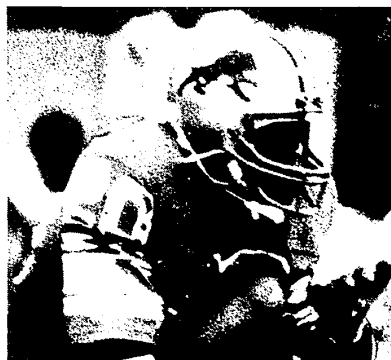
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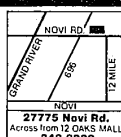


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