

Wayne alumni given artist Glick's work

When the 1984 Arts Achievement Awards are presented to six Wayne State University alumni Saturday, Oct. 20, two new elements will make them different.

First, a seventh award will be presented to someone who is an advocate of the arts, not necessarily an alumnus. Second, each of the awardees will receive a plate created by Farmington Hills artist John Glick and commissioned by the University's committee on cultural affairs.

"We commissioned John Glick to create the award because he is a prominent alumnus, and we felt that one of his original works would be a treasured representation of the award that each of the recipients would enjoy and cherish," said Richard Bilalitis, who chairs the awards committee. Bilalitis is chairman of the WSU Department of Art and Art History.

EACH PLATE will be distinctive in design and glaze on the front and inscribed with the recipient's name and the title of the award on the back.

To ensure excellence in quality, Glick is creating 21 plates, from which the seven will be chosen.

Asked how long it takes to create a plate, Glick said, "A lifetime. My work is always changing with each day's work. I'm always trying to improve its aesthetic potential."

Using clays from seven states, Glick shapes the plates at his electric potter's wheel, then with a "rib" smooths his hand marks.

HE MAKES the lip with a notched "rib" and then decorates the plate with slip and a sponge having a block pattern and with a variety of special brushes.

Several special glazes selected from a possible 30 are applied at this next-to-final step.

"Interest and excitement come from trying different glazes, constantly improving upon the last one," Glick said. The last stage of the process is firing the plates in the kiln at 2,400 degrees.

The plates remain in the kiln for 2 1/2 days, 28 hours of which are for firing and the rest in cooling. He can fire 350 items at one time.

GLICK WORKS at Plum Tree Pottery in Farmington Hills, which he started in 1964. His work ranges from many one-of-a-kind forms through a limited production series of utilitarian objects.

He shares his studio with his wife Susie, who is a potter in the summer and a teacher at Kingswood School the rest of the year.

In 1978, Joan Mondale commissioned Glick to create the dinnerware for use in the vice presidential house in Washington, D.C.

His work is also in the private collection of the Mondales.

HIS WORK is in many museum collections including the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Kansas City Art Museum, the Delaware Art Museum and the Craft and Folk Arts Museum in Los Angeles.

In addition, his work can be found in university collections, the Johnson Wax Co. collection and Ceramics Monthly Magazine collection.

His awards include grants from the Michigan Foundation for the Arts, a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and a WSU Distinguished Alumni Award.



John Glick, Farmington's most prominent artist, works on one of the plates which Wayne State University has commissioned.

Business courses set for fall term

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"Techniques of Managerial Communication" will provide familiarity with techniques for making formal presentations. Through videotaped feedback, students will develop awareness of

their own personal communications style. This two-week seminar will meet on Friday evening and all day Saturday, Nov. 2, 3 and 16 and 17.

"Financial Services Administration" is a seminar dealing with the current developments in the administration of financial institutions created by the deregulation of banks, credit unions and savings and loan associations. This course is scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10.

Other courses of interest to the busi-

ness community are "Hospital Operations" which will examine the management of hospital subsystems, along with the management of human resources. It will meet Friday evening and all day Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10. A "Computer Security Workshop" will focus on methods used to penetrate computer systems, as well as methods of detecting penetration and protection techniques. This course will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12.

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