

40 artists featured at Charity Preview

The work of 40 of Michigan's leading artists will help dress up the already posh Charity Preview at the Detroit Auto Show in January.

The traditional black-tie affair will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Cobo Hall.

Those attending the Charity Preview will find a wide range of Michigan art displayed by the artists themselves in the various auto exhibits.

Auto show officials are calling the event "A Festival of Fine Art."

"We wanted to do something different at the Charity Preview this year," said Bill Cook, the 1985 auto show chairman. "I kicked the idea around with our auto show committee and we decided we liked it enough to present it to the charities. They were most enthusiastic."

AT THAT point Birmingham artist Susan Thomas was asked to coordinate the event.

Thomas brought together artists who work in many mediums: collage, fiber, weavings, acrylic, watercolor, oil, pastel, glass sculpture, bronze sculpture, metal sculpture and photography. Nearly every artistic discipline is represented from traditional landscapes in the abstract.

The Charity Preview is the event that kicks off the auto show which runs Jan. 12-20 at Cobo Hall. Ticket proceeds benefit four children's charities — Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit, Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center and the Children's Center. Tickets are \$50 per couple and are available from the charities or at the door.



Crowds at this year's auto show are expected to set a new record. New domestic and foreign cars, sports

cars, experimental cars and entertainment will draw people to Detroit's Cobo Hall for "Talk of the Town."

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