

# Sharing ideas

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metal and plastic to glass, leaded crystal and semi-precious stones, but she is careful to maintain the integrity of the material.

She said that from the jewelry, "I am really able to support myself."

That gives her a sense of pride and freedom that is reflected in her serious work, which also has found a market among collectors.

Sonnenschein attended Rutgers University, the Arts Students League and the School of Visual Arts in New York.

She's used to living in the city and finds having a studio in Detroit exciting and stimulating.



Close-up of a section of Lola Sonnenschein's ment with the relationship of copper wire and sculpture, "Journey No. 5, shows her involve- sculpted paper and fiber.

# Nun finds new challenges in art

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reer, the medium has come to be a favorite, she said. She looks forward to working mainly with mosaics in her post-teaching career.

She executes mosaics as movable hangings (and not as tiles affixed permanently in wet plaster on a wall).

Sister Ignatius first worked with the Venetian glass creations when the new high school and chapel were built at 11 Mile Road and Middlebelt in 1965.

AT THAT TIME, she put together the 15-by-14-foot mosaic design

behind the crucifix in the main chapel and, later, she executed more than 20 wall hangings for the high school.

The tiles were obtained from the late Andrew Maglia, a Detroit mosaic designer, who executed mosaics for churches across the United States and was a principal source for Venetian glass in this country.

"Mr. Maglia proved to be a wonderful benefactor and friend. I paid for (the original mosaic tile), but he only charged me a very nominal price."

Later, on his death, a substantial amount of the valuable glass was be donated to St. Ignatius.

"I have enough to make 15 good-sized mosaics. And I plan to spend all my energies in this area, when I'm no longer teaching."

FIRST, THOUGH, there's a luncheon in her honor, given by a large number of students — young and old — on June 5.

Then, maybe just a short trip to visit with family in Bay City.

But soon it'll be time to start work again. ("Actually, my work is my vacation.")

There's a mosaic to do for a new church in Livonia, plus all the others she wants to put together for the Mercy Center.

Between times, she'll be helping

former students with their work, or guiding them or giving them assignments to complete, or helping them complete the assignments.

Oh, and yes, she wants to get back to doing more paintings. And then there's . . .

In the meantime, that rocking chair will make a nice objet d'art and won't really be gathering all that much dust.

There'll be plenty of friends dropping by the studio, and it'll be a comfy spot for them to sit in, while reminiscing about old time, maybe having a cup of tea — and hearing about all the latest projects Sister Ignatius has planned.

# Novelist's perseverance pays off

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INDIANA WAS chosen because the state was a crossover point between the north and south on the underground railroad route to freedom. Out created a fictitious town, Oak Ridge, located south of Indianapolis for her novel "Sweet Posses-

sion."

"I come up with a situation, find a character and setting and look for a situation where somebody could assume a person's motives and make a faulty assumption. I base the story line on that," she said.

"A lot happened politically in 1850. There was a fugitive slave law

which made my heroine guilty of a federal offense," she continued.

Out chose her grandmother's name, Elizabeth Turner, for her pen name.

"There are advantages and disadvantages to a pseudonym. My friends don't connect me to the author. I could have used my maiden

name, Boileau, but nobody could pronounce it or remember it," she said.

Out is a fast learner and the next time around will be easier, she believes.

"Right now it feels good. It's a wonderful feeling of accomplishment," she said.

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