

## Art expert to speak



The Michigan Oriental Art Society will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, in the Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, between 10 and 11 Mile roads.

Speaker, Maggie Blackford's topic is "Bones of Jade, Soul of Ice, The Flowering Plum in Chinese Art." Slides will be part of the presentation.

Blackford, doctoral candidate at Princeton University in Chinese art and archaeology, was guest curator for the "Bones of Jade, Soul of Ice" exhibit at the Yale University Art Gallery. She is visiting instructor at Wesleyan University and has given classes at the Institute for Asian Studies of New York City, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Princeton University and Norwich Free Academy.

She has written on Chinese art for major publications and has organized tours and traveled extensively in China.

Her project, "Bones of Jade, Soul of Ice," marks the first time the flowerings of Chinese civilization in China have been systematically studied and presented in the West."

The public is welcome at no charge.

"Plum Blossoms and Calligraphy" by Jin Nong (1687-1764) is a hanging scroll, ink on paper from the collection of Yale University Art Gallery.

## Clarinetist is retiring

Paul Schaller of Birmingham, principal clarinetist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra since 1957, will retire at the end of the 1986-87 season.

"I deeply regret Mr. Schaller's decision to retire," stated Maestro Gunther Herbig. "He is an excellent solo clarinetist and it will be difficult indeed for us to find someone of the same caliber to replace him. However, I do respect his decision and wish him the very best of luck."

Schaller, born in Chicago, first studied clarinet with his father, who was a clarinetist with the Chicago Symphony, and the New York Philharmonic. He studied with Rudolf Tanglewood at The Juilliard School of Music.

Before joining the Detroit Symphony, Schaller served as principal clarinetist with the Pittsburgh Symphony and the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra.

During his tenure in Detroit, he has performed as a soloist with the orchestra many times. He is the only Detroit Symphony woodwind musician to play with the orchestra for 30 consecutive years as a principal. He was orchestra personnel manager for four years.

"I have always been grateful for the opportunity to play with the Detroit Symphony," he said. "It was one of my early career goals and the experience has been rewarding musically and personally. But my world has been very demanding and, after playing first clarinet with orchestras for more than 30 years, I feel it's time to explore new horizons and take some time for myself and my family."

Schaller is associate professor of clarinet at Wayne State University where he plans to continue teaching part time following his retirement from the Detroit Symphony, travel, improve his golf game and loaf a little. Schaller and his wife of 41 years, Pearl, have three children.



Paul Schaller

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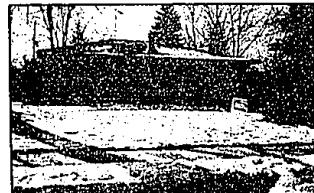
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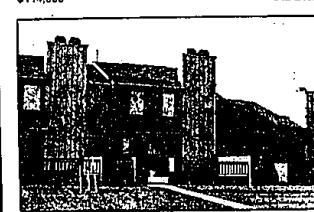
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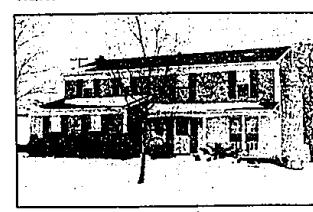
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