

briefly speaking

● **BALLET AUDITIONS**
Livonia Civic Ballet Company will hold auditions at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Miss Jolyn's Dance Arts in the Pearson Professional Center on Seven Mile, near Farmington Road in Livonia. Young men and women are needed for the cast of "The Nutcracker," which will be presented the first week in December. For more information, call 464-7310 or 397-8828.

● **ARTS AND CRAFTS**
Wonderland Mall in Livonia will host an arts and craft show from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 8-10, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.
Exhibits featured will include floral arrangements, Victorian wall hangings, blown glass, oak furniture, vue d'optique, country soft sculptures and paper quilling. Wonderland is at the corner of Plymouth and Middlebelt roads in Livonia.

● **VAAL FALL CLASSES**
VAAL fall classes start the week of Sept. 26. Day, evening and Saturday classes are planned in drawing, oil, watercolor, monoprinting and pen and ink. For more information, call 464-6772 or 421-3207.

● **ART AT THE OAKS**
More than 80 exhibitors throughout Michigan will participate in the arts and crafts fair, "Art at the Oaks," at West Oaks Shopping Center, Novi Road between I-96 and 12 Mile. Quilting, photography, wood carving, stained glass and pottery are just a few examples of the crafts that will be exhibited. The fair is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Proceeds will benefit Novi Community Education and Novi Youth Assistance.

● **CHELLSTORP EXHIBIT**
Madonna College Exhibit Gallery will present a work by watercolorist Marjorie Chellstorp Sunday-Thursday, Sept. 4-29. The opening reception for the display of large realistic and abstract watercolors will be Sunday, Sept. 4, from 2-4 p.m. Chellstorp, a Madonna College art

instructor, has exhibited works both statewide and nationally, and has won many awards and commissions in juried exhibitions. A watercolor demonstration will be held at 10 a.m. in Room 177 on Thursday, Sept. 15.
Admission is free and open to the public for the demonstration and the exhibit. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 4-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 591-5187.

● **PEWABIC EXHIBIT**
"Color and Clay," a 45-piece juried exhibition by artists from 20 states, will continue through Sept. 3 at Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Sponsored by the Hand Workshop, Richmond, Va., the exhibition will travel on a seven-state tour through January 1989. For more information, call Jeff Gulde, gallery director, 822-0954.

● **DANCE AUDITIONS**
Midwest Dance Theatre auditions are scheduled 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the school, 28841 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Auditions will be for excerpts from "The Nutcracker Ballet" and open to all ballet students ages 12 years and up. For more information, call the studio at 261-1234.

● **STAMP SHOW**
The Allen Park Stamp Club will hold its annual stamp show from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, in the Southland Shopping Center, 2300 Eureka Road, Taylor. Twenty dealers are expected to participate. For more information, call 295-2962.

● **DOCENTS FOR GARDENS**
Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor is looking for a few good garden docents. Class will begin Saturday, Sept. 17, and continue Saturdays for three hours for approximately five months, excluding December.

Garden docents are volunteers. Anyone who enjoys plants and learning about plants is a potential docent. Application deadline is Sept. 7. Call Diana Kerr at 426-5101 for more information.

● **KODAK SEMINAR**
Eastman Kodak Co. in conjunction with Birmingham Camera will host a three-hour photographic seminar in Rochester to help amateur photographers make the most of their 35 mm cameras. All interested picture takers may attend.

Contact Birmingham Camera at 652-4250 to buy tickets. Class will be taught by Don Chamberlain, an expert on still photography. Attendees will receive a book and money-saving coupons. Class will be held at the Oakland University O'Dowd Hall from 9 a.m. to noon Sat. Sept. 17.



"Midsummer Floral" by Jacqueline Woolf, like all of her watercolors in the exhibit, conveys the artist's appreciation of beauty and a sense of joy.

Artist brings fresh viewpoint of flowers

By Corinne Abalt
Staff writer

She described her work as "a new way of looking at flowers."

Jacqueline Woolf presents a different, intimate kind of floral portrait in a group of paintings on display at Ariana Gallery of Birmingham. In the midst of soft veils of watercolor are one or two well-defined blooms.

Woolf, a West Bloomfield resident who always paints directly from nature, said her paintings are meant to recreate the experience of walking through a beautiful garden and then focusing on one flower.

"It's like having a camera in and out of focus," she said. "When I'm painting I'll begin by painting the bouquet from a great distance and end up with it in my hand."

"The basis, of course, is Oriental art."

Woolf, a gardener, said she has been doing flowers for as long as she has been painting — that totals some 25 years.

She has a degree in art education from Wayne State University. Woolf has taught in Detroit public schools and continued her study of art at the Center for Creative Studies, Cranbrook and Wayne State. She has been in many regional art shows and her works are in many metropolitan area corporate collections.

Ariana Gallery, 386 E. Maple, Birmingham, is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and until 9 p.m. Thursday. Woolf's paintings with the theme, "Essence of Summer," will be at the gallery through the month.

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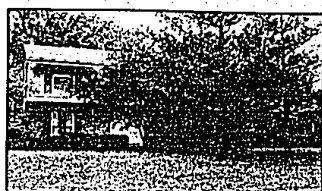
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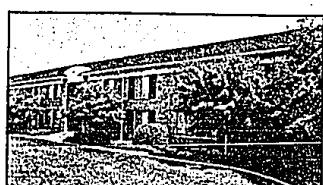
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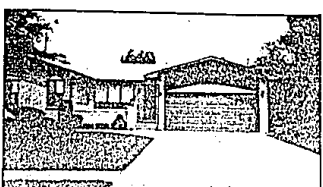
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