

Plans for 4th 'Our Town' underway

Carson Business Interiors, Inc. of Southfield will sponsor the "Our Town" exhibition and sale to benefit The Community House of Birmingham for the fourth consecutive year.

The Community House is a non-profit, multi-purpose facility that provides year-round educational, recreational and cultural activities for people in the tri-county area.

"Our Town" will open Wednesday, Oct. 18 with a gala benefit and close Sunday, Oct. 22 with a reception and awards ceremony for the artists. Within the five-day period, many events are planned for the community in conjunction with the exhibit.

Michigan artists are invited to submit their interpretation of "Our Town," any hometown and its meaning to them. Works may pertain to, but are not limited to, Michigan landmarks, architecture/city, nature/landscape, people/ portraits, and still life.

Michigan landmarks is a special award category added this year. Art work must be two-dimensional wall pieces, any medium, ready for presentation, wired for hanging and not shown in previous "Our Town" exhibitions.

Prizes totaling \$10,000 will be awarded. Leslie Masters will be the juror. All works must be marked for sale. Artists receive 65 percent of

the selling price. The remainder goes to the capital improvement fund of The Community House which is entirely dependent on private donations for its operation and capital improvement.

There were 284 works of art by 117 Michigan artists in last year's show and 44 of these were sold.

Entries will be juried from 35mm slides and a maximum of four pieces may be submitted by an artist. Slides and completed entry forms are due July 31. For entry forms, call or write The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, 48009, 645-5832.

Art classes start July 5

Pontiac Art Center's summer term begins July 5 and runs through Aug. 8.

The program includes classes in performing and visual arts. Visual art classes are photography, drawing, painting, cartooning, ceramics, paperfolding and sculpture. They are offered Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday so a student can bring lunch and stay all day. Another option is to

take different classes throughout the week.

Classes are for ages 3 years through adult. Average cost of a five-week term is \$20 for children and \$25 for adults. Scholarships, based on need and recommendation, are available.

To register, stop at the Art Center, 47 Williams, Pontiac, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, 333-7849.

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