

Wildlife artists to talk at Cranbrook

Two generations of wildlife artists, Ray Harm of Tucson, Ariz., and Rob Gwynn of Rochester, will collaborate in a program about their work at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Their program, which kicks off the national celebration of Earth Day at Cranbrook, will feature realistic paintings of wildlife (many are endangered species) in their natural environment.

"It is especially important to portray an animal in a realistic setting," Gwynn said, "particularly with the public's awareness of diminishing natural resources."

"Should any of these animals ever become extinct, wildlife art is an important resource for people because of the quality of details that are visible."

Gwynn, A longtime admirer of Harm, said he is looking forward to this first collaboration with his fellow artist. Visitors expecting to see the older artist's influence on Gwynn's paintings may be in for a surprise.

"Harm's influence on me as an artist is not reflected in my paintings," Gwynn said. "In fact, I think it will be interesting for people to see how distinctly different we — two generations of artists — approach wildlife painting."

Gwynn said his admiration for Harm stems from that artist's tremendous level of accuracy in his paintings and his impact on the art world from a business standpoint.

"He is the founder of Framehouse Gallery (Kentucky) and an innovator of limited edition prints in wildlife art. He made it accepted as a viable art form."

Gwynn was Michigan Outdoors artist of the year in 1982. He is currently working on a commission to do a new bull for Merrill Lynch.

FOR THE exhibit and program, Harm and Gwynn will discuss the pleasures and problems involved in creating naturalistic wildlife art. A reception with the artists will follow the program in the museum auditorium.

Reservations are required. Admission is \$5. For information, call 645-3220.

Cranbrook Institute of Science is at 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

Concerto winners to perform Friday

The Troy Community Orchestra's Concerto Competition winners, Cynthia Stansell of Harbor Springs and Katy Kim of Bloomfield Hills will perform 8 p.m. Friday at Troy Athens High School.

Stansell, a piccolo player who studied at Indiana University, is the senior division winner.

Troy Athens High School is on John R. north of Waukegan. Tickets, \$5 adults and \$3 for students and seniors, will be available at the door. For information, call 545-5364.

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