

World record set

World record prices were set for Michigan folk art carved walking sticks at the April 4 suction at Frank H. Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills. The seven sticks, found in a Flint basement, sold for a total of \$40,000 with two of them each bringing more than \$10,000 apiece, well above the estimated auction price. The sticks — each carved from a single piece and depicting animals, arrowheads, flora, vegetales and figures — were made by the Chippewa Indians of the Saginaw Valley early in this century, according to Boos' research.



So says Sally Harlow, owner and mostery writer of Fool Play Productions. We asked her what she liked about living at The Heathers and we got an enthusiastic Everything. If tool Sally Even though sally is single-she chose the large Stratford model in Cambridge Village. This espace and favour she said. Tand Cambridge Village had everything to jumper the after the dass of planning mirider and machen, make believe, of course. The Robertson Brothers build, these lasses of the Cambridge Sally in the sall of the

The Robertson Brothers build a first class com-The Robertson Brothers build a first class community and that enhances my image," the continued "I have joined The Heathers Club and look forward for the golf season.) Was pleased that they accept single women memberships sally emove the overall setting of The Heathers as well, and the location is perfect because her business is located in Bloomheld Hills.

- Finally, we asked it she was at home for life.

- Till never move," she responded Sally evidently has solved the invisery of the perfect lifestyle.



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How to buy a piece of the farm

It's always interesting to hear about new ideas and enterprises related to gardening.

A new type of gardening concept began in Ortonville last year at Stromberry Farm, owned and operated by David and Linda Strom. It is called Community Supported-Agriculture, and the idea behind it is to bring the farm back to the city, to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the participants. The Stroms are striving to foster the symbiotic relationship between the farmer, the environment and the consumer.

This concept began in Europe and is growing in this country. Some of the farms are quite large and involve many people, while others are run on a smaller scale.

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The Stroms feel that since many foods have to be picked before they are ready, then shipped long distances, much flavor is lost. They offer vegetables and fruits the day they are picked.

There are six to seven ecosystems in the 54 acres including a stream, bog, marsh, old peat bog, high meadow, wet meadow and dry forest; there are a lot of different growing conditions. Since the land had not been farmed for 17-20 years, theStroms were able to "begin from scratch."

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Strom said, "It was wild, so we have carved fields out of the pasture areas. In doing that, we've left areas around the edge of the field and the creek. Between the edge of the field and the marsh there's probably 50 feet. Plenty of room for wildlife. "This particular piece of land is so ecologically sensitive that part of our philosophy is to do what we can to try not to upset the ecologically sensitive that part of our philosophy is to do what we can to try not to upset the ecological shalone."

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No herbicides or pesticides are used so a naturally healthy soil can be retained. They feel that if the soil is feel and it is healthy and healthy plants are grown, there won't be a problem with bugs. He said, "It's hard to imagine growing or being

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es." He explained that organic fertilizers are slow-release and it takes time for the creatures and the bacteria in the soil to work together to evenutally release nitrogen that is already there, in a form that other plants can use. In other words, when compost or an organic fertilizer is applied, the soil bacteria is being fed.

The farm will again offer many vegetables, some of them not readily available commercially, plus strawberries and melons. Participants pay in advance for the season's produce and travel to specific locations each week to pick up their

share. The brochure lists the proposed crops and the yield per share. Each share is calibrated for a family of four (with young children). Last year the harvest was generous. One member described the taste as "More!"

Pick up destinations are: Detroit Baha'l Center, Detroit; Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Roya Cock, Wilson Barn, Livonia; and the Stromberry Farm, Ortonville. Price per share is \$225 and weekly harvest from June to mid-October. For information contact Dave or Linda Strom, Stromberry Farm, P.O. Box 316, Ortonville, 48462 (313) 532-4864.

Bloomfield Township Library is sponsoring a class about here gardening, led by Master Gardening, Janet Macunovich, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 27. No fee or registration is required.

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Marty Figley is a Birmingham-based Master Gardener. Down to Earth appears in the Cre-ative Living section the first three Thursdays of each month.

Speaking on drawing

Rose B. Desliower, associate professor of art at Marygrove Coltege, will present an informal sallery talk on drawing at the Paint Creek Conter for the Arts (PCCA) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25.

There is no charge for this presentation, entitled "Drawing and the Art Gap: Understanding Contemporary Expression A.K.A. – Art."

In her guided walk-through of the PCCA's "Michigan Drawing "91" exhibition, Desliower will address both artistic and expressionistic issues of the works on display.

AN ARTIST and exhibitor, DeSloover recently participated in "Scrutlny/Under" (1971) and "droing" (1970), both at Marygrove College Galery, and in "Drawing Out," at the Anne Arundel Community College Art Gallery in Arnold, Md.

She co-directed the 1988-89 prestigious "UR-BANolgy" show featuring 97 artists in 12 Detroit area exhibition sites.

Paint Creek Art Center is at 407 Pine St., two blocks west of Main Street in downtown Roches-ter. For information, call 651-4110.

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