

Arts head to speak at BBAA

Betty Boone, interim director of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, will be the guest speaker at a free, open meeting sponsored by the Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham.

Her topic will be cooperative and collaborative strategies for arts organizations — how arts groups can work together to accomplish their missions and how local arts agencies can share and develop resources.

This public program provides an opportunity for individuals and organizations to learn more about the future of the arts in Michigan, said Leslie Drolet, CCBA president.

BOONE was formerly a staff member of the Michigan Council for the Arts, where she served as office manager and

later coordinator of the Arts Project Support Program, expansion services coordinator, minority affairs coordinator and pilot program coordinator.

She has provided consultant services to the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Arts Midwest and many state arts councils.

As a practicing artist, Boone served in professional positions with the Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Museum, District of Columbia Recreation Department and Professional Skills Alliance.

As an arts educator, she administered an arts and learning program with Detroit Public Schools, taught at Friends School in Detroit and served as artist in residence in the Washington, D.C., area. She has a degree in painting, illustration and design from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore.

Library program uncovers quilting

Quilter Jo Merecki is amazed at how many people are interested in quilting but know very little about it.

She'll introduce people to this age-old craft turned art form in a program, "Quilting," 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road at the corner of Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills.

For more information on the program, call the Adult Reading Department at the library, 642-5800, or Merecki, 541-8545.

A DESCENDANT of a long line of Kentucky quilters, Merecki will bring samples of different techniques and styles

of quilting and show how they differ and why.

Many people don't recognize the details that make quilting styles different from one another, said Merecki's daughter, Nancy, who with her mother operates the Guildcrafters Shop in Berkley.

Jo Merecki will discuss the newer vs. the older methods of quilting and will explain how to achieve an old look with newer methods.

The Merecki women teach quilting at their shop, where some of their family's old quilts adorn the walls. Merecki will show some of these heirlooms at the library program.

Marketing president to address design group

Christina Lovio-George, president of the Detroit-based marketing and public relations firm Lovio-George Inc., will be the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Michigan Chapter of the International Furnishings and Design Association.

The meeting will take place noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. Tickets are \$12.50, which includes a box lunch. For more information, call

Fran Moore at 348-7095.

Lovio-George's presentation, "Creating a Marketing Tool Kit," will focus on expanding business opportunities and exploring unappreciated opportunities in new markets.

Headquartered in Detroit, Lovio-George was founded in 1979 by Christina Lovio-George.

Reap lessons from master gardeners

Two master gardeners will present programs at the Bloomfield Township Public Library in February that will help area residents cultivate their best possible lawns and create beautiful moveable gardens.

For more information, call the adult reading department at the library, 642-5800. The library is at 1099 Lone Pine Road, at the corner of Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills.

Royal Oak resident William Hood, a retired architect and plant engineer/groundskeeper, for two school systems, will present "Turf Talk — Grass, Not Football!" 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Bloomfield resident Virginia Smith will present "Put It In a

Pot — Container Gardening" 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

MARCH IS the time to get lawns rolling, and Hood will help people plan new lawns or maintain and improve their current grounds. He will discuss how to start a new lawn, either from seed or sod, and will talk about common diseases of the turf.

Recently retired after 21 years in the library's technical services department, Smith is an advanced master gardener who has gardened all her life.

She'll show how container gardening is a happy solution for people who love flowers and plants but don't have the room or perhaps the inclination to maintain large gardens of annuals.

OU researchers explore public art in county

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ART COMMISSIONED by religious institutions is one of the important forms of public art in the county, Stokes wrote. The steel doors of the Holocaust Memorial Center at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield are an example of innovative or abstract art in this category.

The corporate monument is a newer form of public art, Stokes wrote. The bronze "Corporate Head" at the Kinart International Headquarters in Troy is "a thought-provoking statement of cultural values that the workers, the investors and the general public can grasp."

Other county sites of public art listed or discussed in the

monograph include OU, the Rochester Post Office, the Franklin Cemetery in Franklin, the Allied Automotive World Headquarters in Southfield, and the aluminum sculpture by Michael Hall at 30833 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

The researchers are still gathering information on individual monuments. Their collection of information and photographs is in the Archives of Oakland County Public Monuments in the Department of Art and Art History and is available for research and public exhibition.

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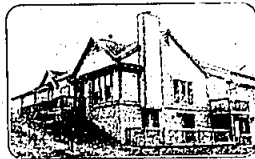


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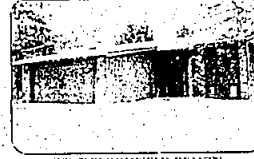
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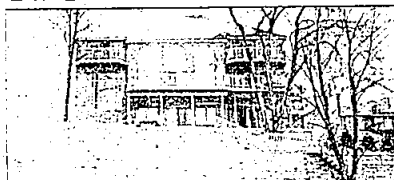


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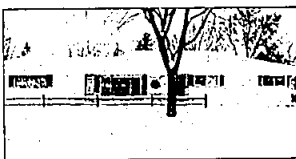
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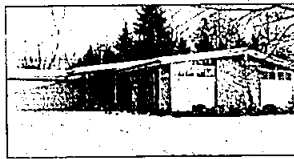
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