

## Garden variety

### Scenic setting picked for watercolor workshop

"Painting in the Garden: A Watercolor Workshop" will be presented by The Community House in Birmingham as a three-session class 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, May 11 and 18 and June 1.

Two sessions will take place at Hughes Gardens on Luther South of 10 Mile in Southfield.

The cost is \$68. To register, or for more information, call the program department at 644-5832.

Both beginning and advanced students will benefit. Oil and acrylic painters may also participate.

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**INSTRUCTOR** Karen Halpern will help her students answer the questions, "How do I begin? Where do I go from here? How do I know when I'm finished?" Halpern will use a creative approach as she helps her students sharpen their technical skills.

"Painting a picture on location, knee-deep in blossoms, and surrounded by fields of flowers will inspire any artist to put paintbrush to paper," Halpern said.

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Students should bring a picnic lunch from home so they can take a break from their painting and socialize with other artists.

Halpern, a Bloomfield Hills resident, has 30 years of experience as a painter. She has taught classes at Indiana State University and exhibited her work in one-woman shows, galleries, regional exhibitions, the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse, N.Y., and the J.B. Speed Museum in Louisville, Ky.

## 2nd Festival of Arts event starts at mall

The second annual Festival of the Arts will be featured Thursday, April 23, through Sunday, May 3, at Summit Place Mall, Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford.

The event is a celebration of the cultural arts, featuring artwork, sculpture, jewelry, musical groups, dance troupes and poets from the local area. Artwork, sculpture and jewelry designed by members of the Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists, Waterford Friends of the Arts and Orion Art Center will be on display and for sale throughout the mall.

Also, several mall tenants will select their favorite art piece and award a prize from each specific

store. As customers browse, they may see which piece of artwork the store selected.

Mall hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The sponsoring group, the Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists, has been affiliated with Summit Place Mall for several years, having previously planned the Oakland County art shows and featuring its own store in the mall during the Christmas season.

Waterford Friends of the Arts and the Orion Art Center have been active participants in many local art shows, and took part in the festival debut last year.

## CCS students to present art exhibition, sale

Art patrons, collectors, gallery owners, designers and friends of the Center for Creative Studies will have a special opportunity to buy work made by graduating and continuing CCS students, before the popular exhibition and sale opens to the public, during the center's "Championship Opening" for the 1992 student exhibition, 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, May 15, at

201 E. Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center.

Tickets for this fund-raising event are \$50 and include champagne and light hors d'oeuvres. For tickets, call 872-3118, Ext. 432.

The annual student exhibition will be open to the public May 17-31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

Works from continuing and graduating bachelor of fine arts students will fill hallways, galleries, transformed classrooms and outdoor space. The event displays the wide range of creativity and talent that permeates the CCS.

The CCS serves as an anchor for arts education in southeastern Michigan and a focal point nationally and

internationally for excellence in the applied, performing and fine arts.

The CCS-College of Art and Design is one of the nation's leading private visual arts schools. More than 1,500 students are involved in 18 degree-granting programs in industrial design, graphic communications, fine arts photography and crafts.

## River Place Inn sets celebration and tour

In celebration of its 50-year history, the River Place Inn in Detroit is hosting a historic tour of the Stroh River Place campus and a grand opening reception on its Riverside Patio 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

This event, in conjunction with National Preservation Week (May 9-16) marks the patio season's grand opening. At \$15 per person, the evening will feature tastings from the all-new patio menu, specialty drinks, live entertainment and horse-drawn carriage tours of the historic community.

Guided tours will be offered on

the half-hour between 5:30 and 7 p.m. For tickets or more information, call Karen Gill at the River Place Inn at 239-2500.

THE ALBERT Kahn-designed building now known as the River Place Inn was constructed in 1902 by the Parke-Davis Corp. and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The site marks the first location in America where pharmaceuticals were manufactured, for at the time of its construction, ready-made medicines were still an innovative idea.

## Automotive art show gears up for Monday

The Southfield Cultural Arts Division of the Parks and Recreation Department will present the automotive art of Danny Whitfield Monday, April 27 to Friday, May 8. Call 354-4711 for more information.

Whitfield's talent for designing automobiles was apparent at a young age. This early development led him to a productive career in automotive art. Each illustration is

embraced with detailed styling, which enables him to paint any car from an Alpha Romeo to a Z-28. So true to life are his paintings, even a non-car enthusiast will marvel over his works of art.

Whitfield has been commissioned to do paintings for a wide range of clients throughout the state. His personal philosophy is that an automobile is more than sheet metal over wheels. It's poetry and art in motion.

## Design seminar slated

Such information as how to work with an interior designer, how to stretch your decorating dollars and what's new in home furnishings will be shared with those who attend a seminar Friday, May 1, at the Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz in Troy.

Sponsored by Schoolcraft College in Livonia, the program is open to the public. For a brochure or to make reservations, call 462-4448.

Cost of the seminar is \$55 per person. It will begin at 9 a.m. and include a noon luncheon and guided

tours of the MDC after lunch. The MDC, usually open only to the trade, is recognized as one of the prime trade facilities nationally for home furnishings.

Titled "Today's Exciting Home-Work," the event will feature three prominent designers.

INCLUDED ON the program are Barbara Krass, owner of Colorworks Studio of Interior Design in Farmington Hills; Karen Gagne, of Gagne & Gagne Interiors in Pontiac; and David Mark Weiss, owner of an interior design firm in Oak Park.

## Home decorating tips offered

The Warfield Paint Co., 375 Hamilton Hwy. in Birmingham, conducts free classes on home decorating tips once a month.

The classes show how to create a

new ambience with an investment of \$50 or less.

Call 644-0910 for registration and information.

## Paper workshop scheduled

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers a four-session "Works on Paper" workshop for adults 13-68 p.m. Wednesdays, May 13 to June 3. Young people can explore collage,

printmaking, mixed media and hand-made paper.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 6. For more information, call the PCCA at 651-4110.

## Entries now sought for advertising art display

The 1992 Scarab Club Advertising Art and Design Exhibition will take place May 1-30.

GALLERY hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday at 217 Farnsworth, adjacent to the Detroit Institute of Arts in the Cultural Center. Call the Scarab Club at 831-1250.

Entries are being accepted in illustration, design and letterforms categories. Entries must be submitted between 3 and 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 23 and 24, and between noon and 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Call the club for more information.

The exhibit is the only one of its kind in Michigan. This annual show

is a great showcase for local artists and designers, a rich source for art directors and production managers in the Detroit marketing area, and an excellent learning experience for advertising students from surrounding colleges and universities.

ALL ENTRANTS, their guests and members of the press may attend the awards-preview reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 1. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Awards will be presented at 8 p.m.

Al Evans, Michael Beens, Mike Nikos, Michael Cromwell, Keith Vreeland and Claudia Hall Stroud will judge this year's competition.

## LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT PLACE?

One that has everything you dream about? Enough room for the new arrival. Or a great school system that gives the kids an opportunity to grow and learn? Maybe you're a golfer and want a place that near the links but not too far from town. If you're a nature lover, you'll want something that's tucked away in the hills with a little stream and enough room for a garden.

Whatever you're looking for, we think you'll find it right in the newspaper you're reading. If you've caught up on all the hometown news, check the listings in our Creative Living Real Estate section. Of course we'll understand if you can't wait and want to check for that perfect place right now.

Go for it and good luck!

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