

Artist wears costume to Our Town preview party

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Preparations are peaking for Our Town, the annual art exhibition and sale benefiting The Community House in Birmingham. Nearly 80 benefactors and artists recently attended a preview cocktail party at TCH where show juror Glen Michaels praised the high competitive level of the entries as "a feast of works."

Sylvan Lake artist Matt Schellenberg garnered much attention at the party. He was dressed in the costume part of his creation, "Shrine to Yahweh: The Osprey-Maker." Our Town honoree Helen VanDusen and Valerie Straith who chaired the benefactor party were among those guests intrigued by Schellenberg's explanation of his concept.

Our Town really begins with the student art show (Oct. 5-16). The event continues with a Gala on Wednesday, Oct. 21, to open the professional show, which runs through Sunday, Oct. 25. Miranda Burnett is chairing Our Town. Meredith Quarrier and Mary Kay Rich are chairing the gala. They have happily changed the format from cocktails and take-home-supper to a strolling supper with a take-home dessert.

On Friday, Oct. 23, the Deni Cashes, Michael Lynches, Keith Mac Guidwins and Michael Smiths are chairing Art and Jazz. It offers music, savories, cash bar and a silent auction and traditionally attracts an energetic crowd. Enough Our Town events to fill this page are also on the agenda. Call TCH (644-5832) for details.

Under the Stars XIII

Aviva Robinson and Grosse Pointe Jill Williams recently convened their Under the Stars committee at the DIA for updates on the annual museum benefit Saturday, Nov. 14. The luncheon meeting's big news was word that patrons (\$400 tickets) will be seated Wednesday, Oct. 28, at a party in the Michigan National Bank headquarters in Farmington Hills. "The highlight of that evening will be the live auction of a 1993 Concorde that Chrysler Corp. has donated," reported Robinson. The Concorde was on display in front of the museum. Mini Streck, Late Night co-chairwoman, with Jop Street and

Jonathan Boos, also reported that their party segment will be better than ever. "Late Nighters will arrive at 9:30 p.m. and have valet parking at the front entrance, abundant savories, sweets open bar and dancing to two types of music until 1:30 a.m. - all for just \$75 per person," she added.

Since the luncheon meeting, Dede Feldman and Kathy Antonini have hosted addressing sessions and the invitations are now in the mail. Reservations may also be made by calling the DIA (833-7969). In addition to the patron and late night tickets mentioned above, general gala tickets (\$300) include cocktails, dinner and dancing to Johnny Trudell's orchestra.

Football Fan

Donna Foehr, the Bloomfield Hills grandmother who parlayed her passion for football into a series of classes, a television show and a book, has published another book, "Touchdown," an update of "Football for Women and Men Who Want to Learn the Game" features Barry Sanders, Loma Brown and the late Eric Andolsek in an action shot on the cover. Sanders also wrote the introduction.

Foehr's new book is named after her television show, which is carried on Booth and other cable networks. The author/producer's enthusiasm for her subject is especially evident when she talks about the players already taped for the current season.

Subjects include Mike and Mel Farr, Bonnie Blades, Pepper Johnson and Scott Kowalski. The latter, a Philadelphia Eagle, graduated from Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Notre Dame. "He's every mother's dream," said Foehr, adding, "I'd also love to get Barry Sanders on the show. He'd be such a good role model for young people."

"Touchdown," the book, may be ordered by calling the publisher (1-800-345-0095). Consult your community service cable channel listing for "Touchdown," the show.

Short'n'sweet

Barbara Finn's recent Ladies Golf and Bridge Day at Bogie Lake Golf Club was a sell-out and raised nearly \$7,000 for unwed mother services at Marillac Hall. Winning golfers included Jane Burke, Kazel Heinzelman, Barbara Hubbard, Dorothy White, Pat Govan, Dottie O'Brien, Edie Carzoli, Nancy Betanzos, Colleen Giles, Sandy Mackle, Mary Jane Schoff and Mary Letscher.

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Art preview: Sylvan Lake artist Matt Schellenberg explains his creation to Helen VanDusen and Valerie Straith at the Our Town benefactors' party at The Community House.



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Look what we've got: Under the Stars XIII co-chairwoman Aviva Robinson poses with the 1993 Chrysler Concorde donated to the DIA fund-raiser.

WXYZ-TV general manager Jeanne Findlater, who is now general manager of a Florida station, has created a learn-to-read program. She will be the keynote speaker at Evening for Reading on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. Judy Bryce and Rita Margherio are co-chairing the Oakland Literacy Friends benefit with Bob Gaylor of Rochester Hills, Florine Trumbull and Tom Griesdorn are the honorees. For information regarding last-minute reservations (\$100, \$150) call the Oakland Literacy Council (338-8840).

Christine Strumbras is hosting Michigan Opera Theatre Guild's Membership Tea, 2-4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12. Betty Gerich (646-9481) and president Ginny Clementi (643-0916) are taking reservations and invite all members to bring a friend.

Mary Happel (335-4691) is taking reservations (\$35) for Let Us Entertain You, an evening benefit for the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra Guild, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Detroit Golf Club. Champagne, savories, a sweet table and silent auction will be augmented by a fashion show presented by Adriane Petrakis' Serv'Elegance.

Seventeen members of the Women's Committee for Hospice Care gathered at Janet Smith's Birmingham home recently to address invitations to their membership tea. Esther Pamel and Linda Thomas are co-chairing the tea Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Marge Gormely's Bloomfield home. Persons interested in attending or in WCHC membership may call Libby Dickinson (642-0238).

Weiss Antiques Gallery and Dede and Jim Taylor will be among the 36 dealers in University Liggett School's Antiques Show. It debuts with a Preview Party 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, and continues through Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Grosse Pointe school. Call ULS (884-4444) for more details.



Auction treasure: At an Our Town Art and Jazz committee meeting, Kelly Cash (left) and Wendy Lynch exhibit a vase Sue Bolt made and donated for the silent auction.



Our Town sponsor: Franklin Bank board chairman David Simon and his wife Lori support The Community House benefit.



Covering football: Donna Foehr shows off the cover art for her new book "Touchdown."



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