

# Artists 'shape up' for exhibit

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When artists "got in shape" for a national invitation to exhibit at The Wetmore Collection, 132 N. Woodward in Birmingham, they exercised their talent and imagination. The exhibit, "Sculptural Objects," continues through Oct. 25. It showcases works by 15 nationally recognized artists, including Cranbrook Academy of Art graduates Chingchi Choo and Bruce Winn. Many of the works combine delicate and strength.

Choo's "Peace Lily" vase and purple basket both have delicate, flowing lines, even though the vase is made of silver and the basket of screen. Ken Ferguson presents large scale ceramic pieces with a soft metallic green glaze, including a basket with hares on the handle.

Ed Eberle paints figures in black on white porcelain

containers. The figures look like Greek characters on ancient vessels. Michelle Holzapfel's pieces are made of cherry and yellow birch burl and feature swirls in the material as well as the shape itself.

Fiber artist Norma Minkowitz crocheted human contours. One work, "Like a Tree She Grows," includes an extended hand with some of the figures resembling twigs. The hand stands inside a figure that looks like a veiled woman.

Todd Hoyer presents a series of "Passages," works in ash, juniper and Mexican blue oak that were burned to create a tunnel effect, leading the viewer into the piece.

Mary Merkel-Hess makes baskets with waving, twisted paper strands. Winn presents ceramic teapots and cups.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Call 645-6212.

## Classes in miniature to feature wicker

Classes starting Thursday, Oct. 15, at Miniature Makers' Workshop, 4516 N. Woodward in Royal Oak, are emphasizing tiny wicker furnishings and holiday necessities for dollhouses.

Two of the classes are for children age 9 and older. One class, taught by Sue Jaques of Farmington Hills on Saturday, Oct. 17, will instruct both adults and children on the skill of weaving a wicker dog bed.

For a brochure on the classes, call 549-0633 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

Miniaturist Betsie Robinson of Birmingham will teach how to make a Christmas tree with lights and ornaments in a two-day class, Tuesdays, Nov. 17 and Dec. 1.

Agnes Miller of Troy will instruct her class Thursday,

Dec. 3, on assembling and dressing a porcelain Santa, part of an original kit she designed.

For holiday kitchens, Nancy Van Camp of Pontiac will teach the making of Christmas party treats, including a punch bowl of eggnog trimmed with greens, Thursday, Nov. 5.

A wall sconce with electrified candles and crystals will be created by students of Walter Schutter of Sterling Heights during an all-day session Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Miniature enthusiasts may bring their projects and join in free open workshops every Friday.

Class prices vary according to length and materials required.

## Sculptor from page 1D

Between 1986 and 1991, Videnov had exhibitions in Bulgaria and Germany, including shows at the National Palace of Culture in Sofia, Bulgaria, and the American Diplomatic Club in Bonn.

Music, culture and books inspire him. Carving is his favorite medium.

"The wood I can work non-stop always... With the wood (I work) all day, every day."

In Europe, the art in which Videnov was trained is seen in rooms in city hall, ceilings and building facades. "In Europe you go to school to have a serious job that will bring you money... If you have the chance... you try to go places (academies)."

"I always wanted to work for the church."

Church carving and architecture in Bulgaria must follow conservative rules, Videnov said. But now he is put-

ting the same carving techniques to use for modern art.

"Now I have the chance to work on something else." Videnov compared art studies in Europe to learning to read.

"You cannot start reading without learning the alphabet first. For years (in art class), you just study (one aspect), like the ABCs. (Eventually) you go on your own road."

In 1987, Videnov and several other artists founded the Free Artists group in Bulgaria.

"Everybody can make what they want."

Videnov is happy working in the United States. He plans to have exhibitions here.

"I like my job and I'm doing my job... I don't have so many days that I don't want to work. You still think about working. If it's not in clay (or) drawing, whatever, just thinking, you always come up with something new."

## Workshop shows holiday decoration

A free workshop, "Decorating for the Holidays," will take place 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills, sponsored by Decorating Den and Finishing Touch Florals.

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. Seating is limited. Anyone interested in attending should call Decorating Den at 649-2657.

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