

Artists, designers answer mail call

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When more than 100 nationally recognized artists, architects and designers were asked to turn mailboxes into works of art, they really delivered.

That's the message you pick up when you visit the 300 Galleria Offcentre in Southfield these days.

The boxes have creativity stamped all over them. You see one glowing in neon, another

glittering in gold leaf. Some resemble a dog, a fish, a giant catpillar or other animal, or even a bus.

There is the fanciful — a dragon-like creature of wood with an ornate pattern; a duck-like "Quackmail" fashioned out of lumber, flippers, Japanese leaved vents, a sawhorse knuckle joint, rakes and a wheelbarrow; a sea creature.

Some addressed the challenge by using images of movie stars or

the styles of Van Gogh or other masters, or by attaching body parts.

The mailboxes in their unusual attire are on display 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday until Thursday, Nov. 19, when they will be auctioned beginning at 6 p.m. Admission to the auction is \$25 per person.

Proceeds will benefit the Archives of American Art, a bureau of the Smithsonian Institution that is exclusively dedicated to

ensuring that recognized artists will live through their documents and interviews as well as through their art. For more information, call the Archives' Detroit office at 226-7544.

Participating artists include Ruth Duckworth, Italo Scanga, John Chamberlain, Sam Gilliam, Beatrice Wood, Yoko Ono and Christo. Some of them recently exhibited, or are showing, in Oakland County.

Among the area galleries and organizations who helped with the project are the American Society of Interior Designers, the Feigenbaum-Preston Gallery, Habatat Galleries, the Habatat/Shaw Gallery, the Lemberg Gallery, the N'Namdi Gallery, O.K. Harris Works of Art, the Robert Kidd Gallery, Stewart and Stewart, the Susanne Hilberry Gallery, the Swidler Gallery, the Sybaris Gallery, the Xochipilli Gallery, the Janis Wetsman Gallery and the Yaw Gallery.

You can enter the Galleria Offcentre from 12 Mile, between Telegraph and Northwestern Highway, follow the Mailbox Auction signs.

Temple sets art show, sale

Birmingham Temple's 20th annual juried invitational fine art show and sale will take place Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 14-15, at the temple, 28511 W. 12 Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

Works by 125 artists in painting, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, glass, weaving, photography and other media will be featured. Works of art from the show will be awarded as door prizes.

A gala preview to meet the artists will take place 7-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, for patrons. The admission of \$10 per person includes refreshments. Admission is \$5 per person to a reception 8-11 p.m. Nov. 13.

A 50-50 lottery, with the winner receiving a certificate to buy art from the show, will take place. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14-15. Admission is free until noon, \$2 after noon.

Artists schedule holiday fair

The Woods Gallery will present its annual Holiday Arts and Fine Crafts Sale Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 14-15.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is in the lower level of the Huntington Woods

Library, 26415 Scotia. For more information, call 543-9720.

Pottery, jewelry, silver, fabric creations, baskets, glass art and jewelry, handcrafted furniture and much more will be shown and sold by local artists.

Workshop to enter journals

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers a one-day adult workshop, "The Art and Life of Journal Writing," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21. Registration deadline is Saturday, Nov. 14. For more information, call the PCCA at 651-4110.



Special delivery: This elegant creature was made from a mailbox. With other creative mailboxes by more than 100 famous artists, architects and designers, it is on display at the Galleria Offcentre in Southfield as part of an auction to benefit the Archives of American Art.

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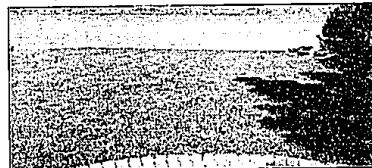
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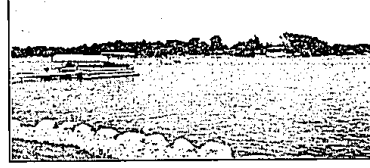
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