

EXHIBITIONS

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■ FIRST THURSDAY

Today is the "First Thursday" of the month. The North Woodward and Townsend Street art galleries in Birmingham will have extended hours tonight. Call the individual galleries for more information.

■ BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION

Friday, Jan. 8 — The Michigan Weavers Guild juried exhibition of fiber art will take place Jan. 8-9. Opening reception for the public 6-8 p.m. Friday. The guild will exhibit fiber arts in many forms, including wall hangings, rugs, throws, pillows, placemats, clothing and baskets. Also displayed will be miniature works by fiber artists, and a giant basket created by guild members especially for this event. Those attending will be encouraged to add embellishments to this unusual basket. Jurors for the show are Margaret Windeknecht, award-winning weaver, instructor and author, and June Grossbart, weaver and retired professor of art and art history at Wayne State University. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, north of 14 Mile in Birmingham, 644-0866.

The guild will create and donate freemove baskets for the Hospice Care fund-raiser in April. A weavers workshop will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, March 24-27, at the BBAA. The workshop will be conducted by internationally recognized fiber artist Virginia Davis, and will deal with contemporary knot and other methods of dyeing warp and weft. Call for more information.

■ PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR

THE ARTS

Friday, Jan. 8 — Mixed media works by Megan Kilmer, Robert Tucker will be showcased in the Main Gallery to Feb. 12. An installation by Tol Ungkattana-pong will be displayed in ArtSpace. Opening reception for both shows 7-9 p.m. Friday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 407 Pine, Rochester, 651-4110.

■ XOCCHIPILLI GALLERY

Friday, Jan. 9 — Realistic paintings by Don Jacot will be exhibited to Feb. 6. Reception for the artist 2-5 p.m. Saturday. Trained as a physician's assistant, Jacot left his medical career and Detroit to paint full time in San Francisco. But his love of Detroit is apparent throughout the new paintings. Featured scenes are the Lafayette Building, the moonlit Rouge Industrial complex, a moody interior of the Detroit Institute of Arts and a forbidding, abandoned residence in Detroit with the GM Headquarters fading in the background. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 644-1905.

■ URBAN PARK GALLERY

Friday, Jan. 8 — Sculpture by Suzanne Marie Young will be exhibited through Feb. 9. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, on the third floor of Trappers Alley in Greentown. Call 298-3837.

■ CIVIC CENTER GALLERY

Sunday, Jan. 10 — The Southfield Cultural Arts Division of the Parks and Recreation Department presents watercolors and acrylics by Sheila Smith to Jan. 20. Reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday. Smith graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of fine arts in visual arts degree in 1975, and has been teaching as well as painting ever since. She has had a number of fine art

and design exhibits, and is presently in the Toledo Museum of Art Collector's Corner. Smith specializes in watercolor, oil and acrylic painting, as well as hand-made paper intaglio printmaking and graphic design. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield, 354-4717.

■ THE SCARAB CLUB

Saturday, Jan. 9 — The Annual Printmaking and Works on Paper Exhibition will take place Jan. 13 through Feb. 6. Entries will be accepted noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. Opening reception and awards presentation 2-5 p.m. Jan. 17. Juror James Poole, professor of fine arts (printmaking) at the Center for Creative Studies/College of Art and Design, will lead a juror's critique 2 p.m. Jan. 23. The public may attend the Jan. 17 and 23 events.

"Saundra Weed: Celebration '93" will be exhibited in the Lounge Gallery. Artist's reception 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. Weed, a writer, lecturer and instructor at Schoolcraft College, Oakland Community College and Northwestern in Traverse City, will present mixed media paintings and works on paper celebrating the joy of creativity and the sharing of friendships.

Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Fernsworth, adjacent to the Detroit Institute of Arts, 831-1250.

■ THE PRINT GALLERY

Through Jan. 15 — The gallery is currently featuring an exhibit of original lithographs and serigraphs by various artists. Figurative works by Piersons, Pellus and Fairchild are on display. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 29203 Northwestern Highway, in the Franklin Plaza at 12 Mile in Southfield, 356-5454.

Make good photo resolutions



MONTE NAGLER

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY

With any new equipment you did resolve, resolve to read the instructions thoroughly to familiarize yourself with all functions and operations.

Have your prints and negatives become separated from each other, and are they scattered about the house? One of the most important resolutions you can make is to organize them so whenever you want to show your pictures or make an enlargement, your negative or print is at your fingertips.

And speaking about enlargements, resolve to have your favorite shots blown up and framed and get them on the wall. Having photographs to see every day will keep you inspired and will encourage you to photograph even more.

Begin to take photographs of different subjects. If you've never shot flowers before, now is the time to start. Or if you've never taken rural country scenes, why not begin now? You may awaken hidden talent and interests you may not have known were there. Even use 1993 to record a year in the life of one of your children or family pet.

Resolve to try different types of film. If you've always used color

negative film, give a roll of slide film a chance. Or you may open up new horizons by shooting black and white.

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