

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 individ-

ual galleries for more information.

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Thursday, March 4 — "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Women in Art" will run through March 27. Opening reception 7-9 p.m. Thursday. "Poetry in the Gallery," an open reading, reception and awards presentation, will take place 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 24. The seventh annual exhibit and sale is part of the Women in Art Project, co-sponsored by

the OCC Womencenter and Oakland County NOW. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, in the Smith Theatre Gallery at the OCC Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, 471-7602.

O.K. HARRIS/DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Thursday, March 4 — Japanese born artist Nobu Fukui's paintings, displayed to March 27, explore color, light and natural form. His influences include pointillist painter Seurat, the ornate backgrounds of Klimt and the energetic strokes of Van Gogh. The artist will be present to discuss his work 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 430 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 433-3700.

XOCHIPILI GALLERY

Thursday, March 4 — Sculpture and paintings of Michigan artist Dewey Blockmans are featured to March 31. Reception for the artist 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, to coincide with the First Thursday Gallery Walk on North Woodward in Birmingham. Elmas is who maintains a studio on the Leelanau peninsula, uses found objects in his sculptures. As his figurative sculptures develop they become recognizable models for his oil paintings on canvas. Primitive motifs and masks appear in his paintings which deal with communication and invention. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday at 688 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Thursday, March 4 — "Birds, Beasts and Fishes," a collection of original art by children's book illustrators from animal stories, will be exhibited through April 30. One of the artists, Laura Almeida, will be available to sign her book "The Six Winkled Woes," 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Other featured artists in the exhibit will be Shannon Cartwright, Arthur Gelsert, Deborah Haeffle, Michael McCurdy, Wendell Milnor, Robin Spowart and James Brinklin Zelen. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 680 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 647-7040.

SANDRA COLLINS

To March 27 — "Amazing Wind Machines: Whirligigs by Jane Corbus and Jeff Crews" features modern-day renditions of these age-old devices. Corbus and

Crews, New England artists, use state of the art components to make wind machines that retain the charm and whimsy of antique whirlygigs. Their machines feature dogs that really bark, lobster that snap and oarsmen who row. Open for the First Thursday Art Walk, 5:30-8:30 p.m. March 4. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 470 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-4795.

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Thursday, March 4 — "Object as Metaphor/Function and Non-function" continues to March 26 in the Simon Art Gallery at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, featuring the baskets of Kathleen Crombie, the sculpture of Lois Teicher and the fiber art of Christine Schecter. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday. Curated by Mary Thompson, the show explores the process by which "idea" is transferred to the art object, giving it a scope beyond immediate function. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 501 Evergreen, Dearborn, 845-9334.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Friday, March 5 — Recent paintings by Perez Cella will be exhibited to April 3. Reception for the artist 6-8 p.m. Friday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham, 642-2700.

PARK WEST GALLERY

Friday, March 5 — The exhibit "Modern Masters: Painters, Chisel, Mite," continuing to April 30, features more than 80 works from 1907 to 1978 and touches every significant aspect of these remarkable artists as printmakers. Private preview and sale 8 p.m. Friday. The collection has some of the most important works by these masters in lithography, linocut, aquatint and etching. After the exhibit and sale ends at Park West, the remaining works will go on national tour. Also at the gallery, "The Divins Comedy," a collection of rare wood engravings by Salvador Dali, is exhibited through March 4. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, 354-2343.

BLOOMFIELD FINE ARTS

Friday, March 5 — The gallery's

10th annual antique art show and sale will continue through March 20. Champagne preview 6-9 p.m. Friday. Featured will be 19th and 20th century American and European oil paintings, drawings and collectibles. The gallery is at 280 N. Woodward in Birmingham. Call 646-1132.

THE GALLERY

Saturday, March 6 — A grand opening celebration will take place 2-4 p.m. Saturday, with a performance by the Rochester Symphony and door prizes, including a \$100 gift certificate and original art. Among the featured artists during March are Ruth Allen of Rochester Hills, florals and collage; Thalia Schunk of Bloomfield Hills, pottery; and Bonnie Brede of Waterford, watercolor and collage. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, in Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livermore in Rochester Hills, 661-1679.

HABATAT/SHAW GALLERY

Saturday, March 6 — Two exhibitions will continue through March 27. Opening receptions 8 p.m. Saturday. One exhibit focuses on the work of Mary Roehm, a pioneer in the technique of feathering in America, who will attend Saturday's reception. Her masterfully thrown porcelain vessels serve as strong foils for the soft orange to orange-brown blues and golden ash deposits and/or drips that appear as glazes from the feather. She will also be exhibiting mixed media drawings. The other show is entitled "Select Works from the Estate of Wayland Gregory (1905-1971)." Gregory, who taught at the Cranbrook Academy of Art and directed the sculpture division of the New Jersey State Museum, was one of the first and most important figurative artists in the history of American ceramics. His large-scale sculptures, made possible through his innovative construction techniques, set the precedent for many ceramicists today, who work in the figurative tradition. Gregory's major commissions include two for the 1939 World's Fair: American Imports and Exports, commissioned by GM, and the Fountain of the Atom. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or by appointment, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, 851-8767.

GALLERY ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

Sunday, March 7 — "Calligraphic Images," the 16th annual exhibit of the Michigan Calligraphers Association, will run to March 29, presenting the art of beautiful writing in its finest form. Opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, weekdays by appointment only (call Mr. Owczarski at 683-0345 or 683-0428), St. Mary's Campus, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads, Orchard Lake.

BOOK BEAT

Sunday, March 7 — Detroit husband and wife writers and educators George and Chris Tysh will read and sign their newly published books of poetry Sunday at the Book Beat book store, 26010 Greenfield in Oak Park. Call 968-1190 for more information.

WATERFORD FRIENDS OF THE ARTS GALLERY

Through March 4 — Waterford School Art Alumni Exhibit (1982-92) continues. Hours are 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 1415 Crescent Lake Road and M-59, Waterford, 666-4563.

SUSANNE HILBERG GALLERY

To March 6 — New sculpture by Richard Rezac is exhibited. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-8250.

Here is flower show schedule

This is the schedule for seminars and demonstrations at "The World is Our Home" District 1 Flower Show at the Pontiac Silverdome, continuing to March 7.

Show hours are 9-10 p.m. Thursday, noon to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$6 adult, \$3 children 6 to 14. There is no additional charge for these events. Discount coupons are available at Marathon service stations and Elina Brothers Big Boy restaurants.

Friday, March 5

1 p.m. — "Composting," Sally Ouellette, District 1

2 p.m. — "Spring Flower Designs for Your Home," Jean Moran, District 1

3 p.m. — "Gardening With Herbs," Marty Figley, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

4 p.m. — "Song Birds in Your Garden," Chris Gardner, Wild Birds Unlimited

7 p.m. — "Water Gardening," Gary Bates, Grass Roots Nursery

8 p.m. — "Perennial Gardening," Susie Lobdell, English Gardens

Saturday, March 6

1 p.m. — "Crafts from Nature," Pauline Flynn, District 1

2 p.m. — "Spring Flower Designs for Your Home," Nancy Passafium, District 1

3 p.m. — "Guide to Growing Iris," Ann Cline, District 1

4 p.m. — "Water Gardening," Gary Bates, Grass Roots Nursery

7 p.m. — "Container Herb Gardening," Pete Stark, Renaissance Acres

8 p.m. — "Song Birds in Your Garden," Chris Gardner, Wild Birds Unlimited

Sunday, March 7

Noon — "Perennial Gardening," Susie Lobdell, English Gardens

1 p.m. — "Growing Lilies," Kay Briggs, District 1

2 p.m. — "Song Birds in Your Garden," Judy Ilie, District 1

3 p.m. — "Spring Flower Designs for Your Home," Elaine Gunderson, District 1

4 p.m. — "Container Herb Gardening," Pete Stark, Renaissance Acres

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