

Columnist opens guild series

Susan Ager, Detroit Free Press columnist and writing coach, will be featured in the Cranbrook Writers' Guild Inaugural 1993 program.

"Talk About Writing" will be Ager's subject 8 p.m. Monday, March 15, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The program is open to the public, with non-guild members asked to make a \$3 donation. For more information, call 646-0658.

Ager served as Free Press writing coach for two years before launching her lifestyle column. She has worked for the San Jose (Calif.) Mercury, and the Associated Press in San Francisco and Lansing. In December she was named "The Newspaper Writer's Newspaper Writer" by Detroit Monthly.

The guild's 1993 programs will

also include appearances by distinguished poet, publisher and teacher Naomi Madgett (April 19 at The Community House), and former FBI agent Paul Lindsay discussing his much-acclaimed "Witness to Truth: A Novel of the FBI" (June 16 at Cranbrook House).

The guild's prestigious conference for Michigan college and university students will take place Aug. 12-14 on the Kingswood School campus. About 45 young writers will be invited and awarded scholarships by the guild. Two nationally known authors will serve as faculty.

In addition, the guild will sponsor a theater party May 18 at the Village Players and its fourth annual Literary Soiree and Book Auction Nov. 12 at The Community House.

Silhouettist to cast welcome shadows at visit

Baby and Me, a full-service children's and maternity wear store at 4301 Orchard Lake Road, will host performance silhouettist Clay Rice as he creates cutout paper portraits 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

Young and old alike will be fascinated by the art and industry of the nationally known artist.

In silhouette art, the artist has the subjects sit in a chair and shines a light on them, casting a shadow on a screen. He then uses the shadow as a reference for creating a black paper cutout of his subject's profile.

Rice is called a performance silhouettist because of the crowd appeal of his quickly snipping scissors. A sheet of paper is transformed to a work of art in less than five minutes.

"It is fascinating to watch his hands. He is very fast," said Baby and Me co-owner Loretta Globerson.

"Silhouettes appeal to people who may remember having them done in the past at school and find delight in their traditional simplicity of design. We like to offer this as an extra service to our customers."

Portraits are \$14 each, which includes two copies, with framing and matting an additional \$10 per copy. Call 855-3214 to schedule a seating appointment.

The traditional appeal of silhouette portraits makes them a popular Mother's Day gift, both for mothers and grandmothers, Globerson said. She has also noticed a similar trend of returning to traditional styles in clothing and other appointments for infants and children, and in maternity wear.

But portraits aren't limited only to children, she said. Many adults and adolescents have

their profiles preserved in this traditional style.

Rice comes from a family of professional silhouettists, learning the art from his grandfather Carew Rice. He is one of only 30 silhouettists left in the country and is unusual in that he also creates landscapes and other scenes. Based in South Carolina, Rice regularly tours throughout the country. His only Detroit area stop will be at Baby and Me.

Baby and Me partners Globerson and Rita Neff have owned the store for 15 years.

Festival of Arts to feature gallery, performances


A gala three-day "Festival of the Arts" will take place Friday-Sunday, March 19-21, at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14

Mile, between Lahser and Cranbrook roads in Bloomfield Township.

This will be a celebration and

showcase for the performing and visual fine arts. It will feature a gallery setting of juried paintings, photography, sculpture, fiber,

graphics, glass, pottery, metal smithing, handmade stamp printing and fine jewelry by 34 artists. All items will be for sale.




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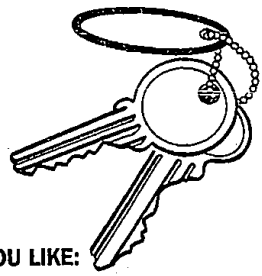


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