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MUSEUM/GALLERY

Thursday, March 25 — An exhibit and sale of work by 12 artists who are graduating or have recently graduated from local universities or art schools continues through April 29. Reception to meet the artists 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday. The artists are Ben Konstantin, Douglas Fogel, Jeff Harwood, Karen Izenberg, Marat Kady, Anna Koschekovsky, Robert Lowenthal, Terry Matlen, Scott Saltzman, Anita Sudakin, Scott Wittman and Terry Ziegelman. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. In the Jewish Community Center at 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, 661-1000, Ext. 470.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Friday, March 26 — Color pencil and watercolor works by Karen Anne Klein will be exhibited to April 30. Opening 7-9 p.m. Friday. The show covers American Indian artifacts, rocks and feathers, represented in inventive ways. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 4620 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, 647-7709.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Friday, March 26 — Gallery owner Joan Bruce exhibits her private collection of paintings, prints and sculpture by her artist friends to April 23. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, 334-6746.

CIRCLE GALLERY

Saturday, March 27 — An "Animation Celebration" will take place 1-4 p.m. at the gallery, in the Somerset Collection at 2801 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy. Visitors may view original production art and limited edition cells featuring their favorite animation characters. A brief presentation will be given at 1:30 p.m. to introduce the joys of collecting animation art. For more information, call 649-1779.

Musical to meet April 1

The Birmingham Musicals will meet 1 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Unitarian Church of Birmingham, 651 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

The Birmingham Musicals Madrigal Ensemble, directed by Mary Pardee, will perform. Also featured will be the 1992 Birmingham Musicals Scholarship

UNITED FOOD AND
COMMERCIAL WORKERS HALL

Saturday-Sunday, March 7-28

Metro Cavers of Michigan presents its 13th annual wodc serving show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Free parking. Featured will be relief carvings, caricatures, birds, carousels and human figures, whittled pieces, carving tools and supplies, along with food, beverages, an hourly raffle and door prizes. The hall is east of I-75 at 876 Horace Brown Drive, south of 13 Mile between Montpelier and Barrington in Madison Heights.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Sunday, March 28 — An exhibit of glass works from all over the Great Lakes region, including Canada, continues through April 30. Special showing noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Awards ceremony, open to the public, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, in the Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, 658-1046.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Saturday, March 27 — "Dress/Hope/Faith," featuring work by Harold Allen, James Deamer, M. Saffell Gardner, Pervis Hawkins, Ruth Landkof, Anna Ibn Feil, Pitts and Bill Stander, will continue through April 29. Opening reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 47 Williams, Pontiac, 333-7849.

SCARAB CLUB

Sunday, March 29 — The 1993 Annual All-media Silver Medal Exhibition and "Betta Prudger Recent Paintings and Drawings" continues through April 17. Prudger, renowned for her pastel portraits and watercolors, will host a reception 2 p.m. Sunday. Jim David Klein, owner and director of the O.K. Harris/David Klein Gallery in Birmingham, will comment on the selections and answer questions 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 217 Farmhouse, Detroit, 831-1250.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Through April 16 — "Reform Function: Furniture and Costume" continues. William Porter

juried the furniture entries and chose 22 artists displaying fine craftsmanship in wood, steel and mixed media. An array of tables, lamps, screens, clocks and chairs is exhibited. Some challenge the original function of the furniture while others provide new forms for traditional art. Artists Ray Katz, Jose Reguelo and Scott Brzeau are joined by such newcomers as Mark Haines and David Chapman. The works of seven artists are featured in the costume exhibition juried by Patti Smith. Included are traditional handwoven fibers, experiments with dyes and paints, and multimedia works that juxtapose industrial elements with sensuous fibers. Rita Grenz's "finger" pants and hats by Christopher Donald and Boswell are examples of original statements on fashion within a conventional form.

Piano teachers forum slated

The Oakland Piano Teachers Forum will meet 10 a.m. Friday, March 26, at Hammett Music, 329 W. 14 Mile in Clawson.

Special guest will be Joan Conway, professor of piano at Hope College. She will be working with students who will present Sonatas

na Op. 36, No. 2 by Clementi; Elfin Dance Op. 12, No. 4 by Grieg; Waltz Op. 64, No. 2 by Chopin; and Sonata Op. 2, No. 1, first movement by Beethoven.

All interested musicians may attend. Call 1-313-435-3860 for information.

Furniture seminar planned

Scott Shuptrine Furniture plans an unusual seminar, "Roots of Country: The Influence of American West," conducted by Country Home Magazine interior design director Candace Ord Manroe.

The seminar will take place at two Scott Shuptrine stores: 1-3 p.m. Friday, March 26, at 977 E. 14 Mile in Troy, and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at 18830 Mack in Gross Pointe.

Seating will be limited. To reserve a spot, call Scott Shuptrine at 585-3300 in Troy or 866-5200 in Gross Pointe.

A lecture 4 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in Room 228 of MacGregor Hall at the WSU campus will feature Andrea DiTommaso, WSU professor of Italian, and a presentation of the film "Circle Thief (Ladri di Saponette)."

Free parking will be available on the WSU Warren Avenue lot. Admission is free. Voluntary contributions will help underwrite future programs. For more information, call 626-2110. In another lecture in April,

Ilene Olin, University of Michigan professor of Italian, will discuss "Politics, Poverty and Poetry: Matilde Serao." The date, time and place will be announced.

Jan van der Mark, chief curator and curator of 20th century art at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will discuss "Three Artists of Milan's Postwar Boom: Fontana, Haj and Manzoni" Saturday, May 29. The time and place will be announced.

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Cranbrook to host sale

The Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills will host a fund-raising art and antique auction and sale.

The auction, conducted by Robert Weoley, senior vice president and director of decorative arts at Sotheby's, will feature between 40 and 50 select art and antique items. The items will be auctioned off 7 p.m. Saturday, April 3.

More than 1,000 donated art and antique items, all priced to sell, will be sold 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, April 1-4. Art by academy students and alumni and friends of Cranbrook, as well as assorted collectibles, will be available for purchase. Admission

to the sale is free.

Tickets to become a patron or benefactor for this event are available. Tickets are \$35 per person for patrons and \$125 per person for benefactors.

A patron is entitled to attend a champagne opening and preview party as well as the auction. The preview party will take place 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 31. A benefactor is entitled to the same benefits as a patron as well as a dinner to take place at the art academy immediately after the auction April 3.

All proceeds raised during this event will be used for the scholarship fund at the art academy. For more information, call 645-3300.

Artist to talk on travels

Artist Julie Dawson of Birmingham will give a presentation 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the Troy Public Library, 610 W. Big Beaver Road.

Dawson will show slides of artwork she painted as a result of her travels around the world, visiting more than 70 countries with

her husband. During her journeys, Dawson gathers inspiration for her highly acclaimed, prize-winning paintings, and she will tell the stories that inspired each one.

No reservations are necessary. The library is just east of I-75, between Crooks and Livernois in the Civic Center complex.

Flute orchestra to visit club

The Michigan Flute Orchestra, an ensemble of dedicated and accomplished flautists conducted by Shaul Ben-Meir, will perform at a meeting of the Music Study Club of Metropolitan Detroit 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

A coffee hour will follow the concert. There is a charge for concert. For more information, call Joan Rose at 543-5912.

This unusual orchestra, which aspires to bring a new dimension of ensemble performance to the community, is made up of the en-

semble of the flute family from the bass flute to the piccolo. It performs a varied repertoire that displays the tonal richness and cohesiveness of the flute family.

Ben-Meir, founder and director of the orchestra, is a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Renaissance Woodwind Quintet. He is a former principal flautist for the Haifa Symphony Orchestra and a student of renowned master Jean-Pierre Rampal. He is also a soloist and recording artist.

Architect to speak at LTU

Gunnar Birkerts, an award-winning architect renowned for his use of symbolism and metaphor, brings his 30 years of practice to Lawrence Technological University for a lecture 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in LTU's College of Architecture and Design auditorium.

The free presentation, open to the public, will focus on his most recent projects in the United States, Venezuela, Italy and his native Latvia.

After the program a reception will take place, during which patrons may talk with Birkerts or

view some of his recent drawings. An exhibit of his work will be displayed 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday in LTU's architecture building gallery until April 16.

For more information, call Novell Clinton, dean of the College of Architecture and Design at 356-0200, Ext. 2205.

Birkerts' Birmingham-based firm, Gunnar Birkerts and Associates, has won more than 50 major design awards.

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