

# The Scene from page 1H

## Fire alarm

The Cranbrook Art Academy/Museum Art and Antique Auction of 40 top items took place Saturday evening. The gathering fled into the Albert and Peggy deSalle Auditorium at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Robert Woolley of Sotheby's started on the third auction item when the fire alarm began clanging.

CAA president Roy Slade strode out of the theater to find the cause, if any, and silence the smoke alarm. It must have been smoke from the barbecue in the kitchen area. The unflappable auctioneer kept on with the auction, with academy students bringing down the art to center stage. Eventually the alarm was silenced.

The witty auctioneer moved 40 special items in one hour. The Sotheby's auctioneer reminded the audience that the artist does not get a tax deduction for donating his work to a non-profit event. "He might get to heaven before you," he quipped.

When he got to a Mesopotamian vessel circa 1200 B.C. and the bidding momentarily stopped at \$1,000, Woolley said wryly, "That's only a dollar a year." The bidding took off.

After \$67,000 was raised on the live items alone, the assemblage went into supper. Benefactors beheld an orchard of blossoming trees as centerpieces. Katherine Zikakis discovered trees being cut down on Academy Way leading into the art and museum complex. Flower power expert Zikakis planted them in large clay pots and attached tiny pink orchids to the branches. Chairwoman Faye Yeager had blisters to prove she helped.

## Localities at Gridiron

Since 1883, the president and the Cabinet have always attended the Gridiron dinner in Washington, presented by capital correspondents as a toast of the president "off the record." Localities attending the recent dinner included Paul Nino, who escorted UPI White House bureau chief

Helen Thomas, first woman president of the Gridiron, who delivered the opening bars.

On the gridiron, President Clinton was called "Our Arkansas Adonis." The white-tie event is attended by publishers and CEOs by invitation only.

Personalities who attended from metro Detroit include Harold Polling, chairman of Ford Motor Co.; David Scott, vice president of Ford Motor; Bob Gilles, president, Detroit News; Elliott Hall, Ford Motor; Richard Ryan, Washington correspondent, Detroit News; and Frank Vega, president of the Detroit Newspaper Agency.

## Pleasures of the Palate

Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills celebrated its culinary event Pleasures of the Palate on March 27.

The congregation could pick from 25 different varieties of dinners—western hoo-down to elegant French, Italian, Chinese and more. Hosts were Temple Beth El members and staff.

Following the dinners, participants joined forces at the temple for a finale of dessert and dancing. Izzy and Fran Malin report a wonderful evening.

## Media on Parade

Maggie Allsease's Media on Parade for the Salvation Army is set for Wednesday, April 28, at the Grand Manor Fairlane in Dearborn.

Bill Bonds is master of ceremonies. John Kelly and Marilyn Turner and a host of media celebrities with their children will be in Media on Parade.

Tickets are available, at \$30, \$50 and \$75, by calling Ida Krandle at 551-4524.

Breakfast at Tiffany's will honor the participants and benefactors at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

## Tiffany Salute

Also on March 31, Village Antique Show chairwomen Linda Kughn and Marlene Borman



BBA dinner: Marlies (left) and Francois Castaing chat with Chrysler's Tom Denomme and his wife Barbara.



Chippendale mirror: Sally Parsons (left) and Audrey Weinberg help a Cranbrook art student carry mirror to auction stage.

welcomed guests to a champagne reception at Tiffany's at Somerset.

The Village Antique Show reception previewed Kughn's and Borman's signature table settings. On Tiffany's second floor the vignette on an antique table featured the two women's private china, crystal and silver, in table settings facing each other.

The ninth Village Antique Show comes up May 7-9 in Dearborn.

## Spring fashion

Spring into Fashion is the

name of the extravaganza Wednesday, April 21, at the Somerset Collection. The show will benefit the Heidi van Arnum Foundation, which does research for spinal cord injuries. Fashions will be presented by Rodier Paris and Joan and David.

Bill Bonds will be master of ceremonies, committee member Karen Zosel said. Models will be escorted by NFL football players. Guests should use the rotunda entrance, where there will be valet parking. Tickets are \$25.

Heidi van Arnum suffered a spinal cord injury a decade ago, and her friends started the research foundation.



Table setting: Marlene Borman's table is viewed by Doug and Sydel Schubot during Henry Ford Museum Antique Show at Tiffany's.



Artful Garden: Judie Sherman (left) poses with Red Poling and Marian Poling, who was honorary chairwoman for the garden show.

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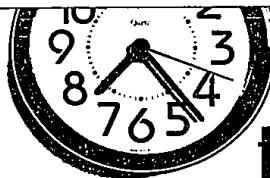
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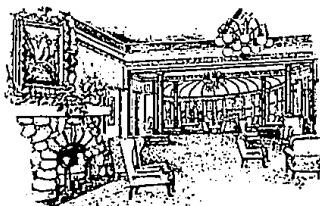
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