

EXHIBITIONS

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PRUDENTIAL TOWN CENTER Through Sunday, Aug. 1 — Image Makers Rock 'n' Roll Art Expo, featuring 110 art works by David Bowie, Joe Walsh, Ringo Starr, Yoko Ono, Jerry Garcia, Mickey Dolenz, Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson, Carlos Santana, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, John Lennon, Miles Davis and other musicians and rock stars, continues as part of a 50-city national tour, sponsored by WJLZ-FM and the Prudential Town Center. All work will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan chapter of the Leukemia Society. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, 354-2343.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY Through July 29 — Three separate photographic documentations of Jews throughout the world are exhibited. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Through July 29 — Mary Thomas is Artist of the Month, exhibiting pastel and watercolor portraits and still life drawings and paintings. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 510 W. Big Beaver Road, just east of I-75 in the Civic Center complex, 524-3545.

MICHIGAN GALLERY During July — Recent watercolors, prints, photographs, drawings, handmade papers and mixed media work are displayed in "Works on Paper," juried by Michael Mahoney, an instructor at Wayne State University and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and by appointment, 2661 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, 961-7867.

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porch, the bricks in barn buildings, glowing candles in windows.

"To say that this is a passion of mine — is an understatement," said Johnston, an internationally known artist and the 1990-93 artist-in-residence at Detroit Country Day School in Birmingham. "I've lived in five homes in my life and restored three.

"I thrive on the past. My painting reflects that. It's a simpler time. It's a memory that a lot of us would like to recapture."

Johnston works in a restored 1840s Greek Revival-style house that is filled with antiques and folk art of the period. He does intensive research for his art.

A bank in Rapid City, S.D., commissioned him to do a painting of Mount Rushmore for the national monument's 50th anniversary. Among his other commissions are works for children's books, the Jules Verne Museum in France, Steuben Glass, nation-

al magazine covers, Celestial Seasonings tea and Thorn Apple Valley.

The Kmart project began in March 1992. Johnston's wife and business manager, Ruth, first contacted the corporation.

"The work really reached out," Maxine Lauer, also of Kmart, said of "Country Memories." "We really want it to feel that you're going back to Grandma's for Christmas. It's the feeling that we wanted to evoke. David was just excellent at taking those feelings and transforming them into a masterpiece of art."

"At Kmart you'll be able to become a collector of a masterpiece. We're really excited about this. This project has been a project of warmth and love."

At the press conference, gold tinsel and red ribbons adorned tables on which some of the merchandise was displayed. The painting, covered with a red and green quilt and standing in front of a pot-bellied stove, was unveiled at the announcement.



Holiday scene: This painting, "Country Memories" by David McCall Johnston of Franklin, will be featured on Kmart's holiday merchandise this year.

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