

## Artists association offers gift of creativity at holiday sales show

The gift of art is a gift from the heart — find just the right present this holiday at the annual Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Association's (BBAA) holiday extravaganza, featuring the works of both

promising and seasoned artists. You'll find hand-crafted jewelry, carved Christmas figures, pottery, wooden architectural designed birdhouses, unusual tree ornaments, teddy bears, dolls, angels, wearable fibers, miniature wooden puzzles, soft sculpture, basketry, toys and much more!

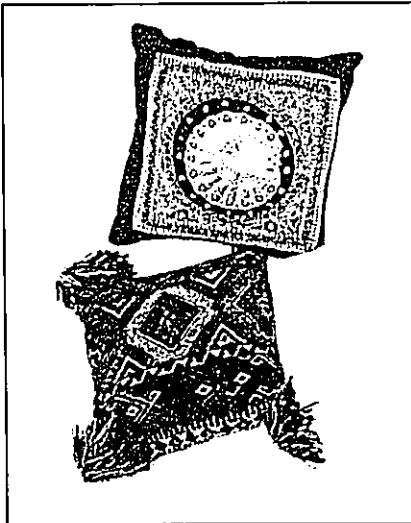
"Our show features gifts of art for yourself and others," says Elaine Boruse of Bloomfield Hills, Co-Artistic Director of the BBAA's Holiday Sales Show. "It is juried by the examination of the actual works, not from slides. We want to make sure the craftsmanship meets our standards."

This year, 135 artists met those discriminating standards, 15 more than last year. Their work includes folk art, carved wood, glass and needle-work.

The Garden Shop will be featured again after its successful debut last year. It will have wooden birdhouses of intricate architectural design, some of raku pottery and others made from twigs. Weather vanes, birdbaths, feeders, dried flower arrangements, swags of fruit, topiary art

and bark tables will be among the items featured.

Thirty jewelers will be presenting their designs in metal, origami, acrylic, glass and porcelain, and several potters in this year's show will offer a large and var-



The BBAA Holiday Sales Show will feature a wide variety of work by local artisans.

ied selection of their craft. Wooden toys, dolls, bears and animals made from antique quilts and lace will be available for children of all ages. "There is a broad selection and prices are moderate," says Sue Velick of Oak Park, Co-Artistic

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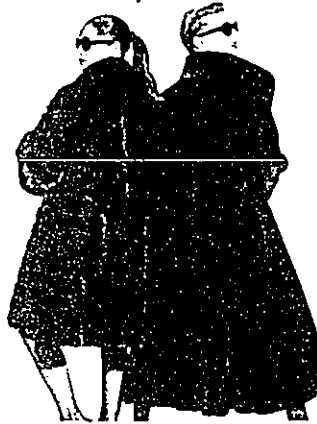
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