

EXHIBITIONS

Send calendar items about Oakland County art gallery exhibitions to The Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, fax 644-1314.

ARTSPACE Thursday, Dec. 2 — "New Works in Clay" by Kaiser Sullivan continues to Dec. 31.

LEMBERG GALLERY Thursday, Dec. 2 — "Works for Young Collectors: A Changing Exhibition" continues through Jan. 29.

HARRIS/DAVID KLEIN GALLERY Thursday, Dec. 2 — Exhibits of new work by Michigan artists Robert Gniwek and Gail Eisner.

SANDRA COLLINS Thursday, Dec. 2 — Holiday sculptures by gallery artists are presented through Dec. 24 at 470 N. Woodward in Birmingham.

PRIVATE COLLECTION GALLERY Thursday, Dec. 2 — An exhibit of sculpture by glass artist Julie McDonough B continues in December.

GALLERY BIRMINGHAM Friday, Dec. 3 — New works on paper by Daryl Howard will be shown Dec. 3-10.

GALLERY BIRMINGHAM Friday, Dec. 3 — "Landscapes" by a group of Detroit women artists will continue through Jan. 3.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY Friday, Dec. 3 — "Childhood Revisited" features a visit by Kris Waldherr, author and illustrator of children's books.

MESA ARTS Friday, Dec. 3 — The Petes Braid Jewelry Collection trunk show will take place Dec. 3-10.

TOUCH OF LIGHT STUDIO AND GALLERY Through Dec. 31 — A holiday glass show continues, featuring the handblown glass of Touch of Light owner John Fitzpatrick.

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM Friday, Dec. 3 — The Student Winter Degree Show will take place Dec. 4 through Jan. 4.

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Photographer

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Besides photographs of children, Seiter creates stunning mother and child images. An artistic portrait of Debbie and Jordan Dumars, wife and child of Detroit Pistons star Joe Dumars, is striking with its dramatic play of lights and shadows.

"Pat's work was excellent. She took up so much time with me, a 2 1/2-year-old and a 3-month-old," said Debbie Dumars of Bloomfield Township.

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"Pat is an extraordinary photographer. I think she can see into the soul of people. She's able to capture the essence," said Bill Haney, vice president of public relations at DMB&B Advertising and publisher of Momentum Books.

"A lot of photographers, they've got the technical skills but aren't able to convert what they see. Especially her studies of children, to see what she's able to capture the essence of the child's personality."

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DIA lecture to explore tomb

The Antiquaries of the Detroit Institute of Arts Foundation Society present an illustrated lecture, "Celtic Princess," 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in the DIA Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward.

The lecture will be given by Jean-Pierre Mohen, conservateur general du patrimoine de France. It discusses the 600 B.C. tomb of a Celtic prince that was discovered in 1978 at Hochdorf near Stuttgart, in relation to the famous tomb of a princess found in 1953 at Vix.

Admission is free. Use the Woodward entrance. Call 833-7875 for more information.



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The Driscolls, who own the COUNTRY Toy Shop in Higgins Lake, are selling wooden toys at the BBAA show. Their ornament is an unpainted wooden angel based on an Appalachian dancing doll.

In all, the BBAA holiday sales show features 135 artists. The juried, handcrafted gifts of art available include wooden birdhouses of intricate architectural design, jewelry, pottery, toys, wearable fibers and soft sculpture.

A good Claus The song says "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." A visit to the Mole House, 128 S. Woodward in

Birmingham (call 644-8233), suggests he's already here. "That's because of the magical touch of Birmingham resident Ellen Mastey. Her porcelain Santas, featured at the show, are whimsical wonders, unusual collectors pieces."

Not all of Mastey's Santas wear the traditional red suit. They may resemble St. Nicholas, with miter and staff, or be adorned in fur, greenery and pine cones. ("A woman owning a woodland Santa made of pine cones has hers out all year round," Mastey said. "She won't put it away.")

"I like to see people happy. New for this year is one that children could touch, sitting at a table." Mastey keeps an eye out for accessories and clothing for her Santas.

"If you find something that really catches your eye you can think in terms of working a Santa around it." Among the more than 30 other artists displaying at the show are Dec. Woodward (watercolors), Constance Powell (pen and ink), O'Brien (pottery), Loretta Frye (photo albums), Pam Hawley (handpainted furniture) and Penny Martin (Southwest woodcuts).

Holiday cheer Holiday cheer takes many artistic forms around Oakland County. Sleek and shimmering glass works are featured through Dec. 15 at the Private Collection Gallery, 6736A Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield (call 737-4050).

In the gallery's annual Collectable Show are goblets, paperweights and perfume bottles, rich in color and graceful in shape. At Objects of Art this month are unusual folk by Gary and Phyllis Petes. The Petes make a variety of soft sculpture dolls, including realistic people and seasonal characters. The creations seem to have a twinkle in their eyes, whether they are dressed in feathers or an ill-wad, quilted ensemble. They could remind you of someone you know, besides of Santa.

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