## Michaels

Changes are subtle. They move across tiny components of the sculpture as well as over the entire work in a gentle wave. For example, an element from Pewable Pottery is shaded and painted so that its color and texture are altered.

A viewer may discover musical, architectural and historical clues. A curved piece on top of one work suggests a musical staff, the curve of another sculpture seen from the side suggests the shape of an instrument. In a corner of yet another sculpture, a segment resembles part of a building.

In a red, white and blue assembles, red and white stripes dance with white stars that are slightly raised from the surface or flat mosaics. Red pieces encased in branze look like crown jewels, a rewinder of America's past as a rayal colony.

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Michaels' paintings are also meant to be explored. They reveal layers of color, soit shadings, that are like veils. And clues are there

us well.
"I love including something from the past. Even in a simple still life, the tablecloth (is an old

still life, the tablectoth its an old style)."

One painting presents a Victorian centerpiece with green, red, purple and white grapes. The wallpaper and silver centerpiece have similar ornate designs. In another painting, hyacinths stand in antique yases

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Another painting features an-

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tique Schoenhutt toys; slightly sinister clowns and stately horses, "The clowns offer a wonderful

contrast."

Like the sculptures, the paintings are balanced. A painting of sunflowers and ropes carries a repetitive rhythm, from the flowers in the upper left corner to those in the lower right. A painting of the Mutt and Jeff comic characters moves in a circle, with what looks like rough sketches flowing into a newspaper panel, which flows into dolls, seated or bowing.

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## Boos Gallery sets auction

The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, has scheduled an auction 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. p.m. \ 15-16.

A three-day preview will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and noon to 8 p.m. Mon-day-Tuesday, Dec. 13-14. For more information, call 332-1500.

The holiday sale will feature paintings, furniture, jewelry and decorative arts belonging to nu-merous estates and private collec-tions.

# Shop specializes in retired figurines

BY BARBARA MICHALS SPECIAL WRITER

SPECAL WAITER
Enter the Retired Figurine Exchange at 7922 Cooley Lake Road, just east of Union Lake Road in Union Lake, and hundreds of pairs of eyes stare down from the large, colorful Royal Doulton character jugs lined up on high shalues.

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Other painted eyes look out from showcases filled with smaller character jugs, Doulton figurines of elegantly dressed la-dies and cherubic Hummel chil-

figurines of eleganity dressed ladies and cheruble Hummel children.
While the recently opened store specializes in "retired" (for example, discontinued) Doulton and Hummel, it also stocks Lladro, Royal Copenhagen, Beswick, Goebel, Royal Worchester and other fine collectibles as well as Precious Moments and entique tableware and jewelry.
The Retired Figurine Exchange is unusual because other Doulton specialty stores in the state handle mainly new merchandise, and other specialty exchanges nationwide tend to deal with only one the special properties of the state handle mainly new merchandise, and other specialty exchanges nationwide tend to deal with only one type of collectible.
For owners Stewart Richardson and Arlene Murray, White Lake Township residents, the store is albor of love. Both have extensive experience selling their collectibles at antique shows. Richardson drives to 30-40 shows a year in eight states but hopes having the store will eventually reduce in the state of the store will eventually reduce in the state of the

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fairly according to market availability."

The oldest pieces aren't necessarily the most valuable, Richardson said. Prices rise most on those pieces that had a limited production span, one to seven years as opposed to pieces that were made for 35 years. There are published price lists for Doulton, and in England prestigious auction houses conduct all-Doulton auctions several times a year.

The store's logo is a Doulton from the price of the product in 1918 and now market price of the price of t

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a home base and display room," Richardson said. "We can seek, search and find particular types of figurines that people want."

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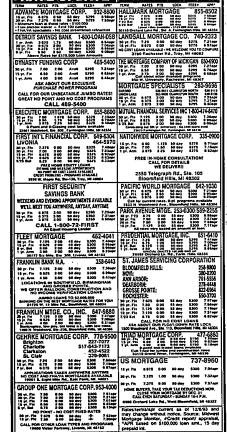
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