

Seasons bloom in landscapes

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Joann Rea captures images of the kaleidoscope of spring, summer and autumn.
Her landscapes of gardens, paths and meadows explode with color in clusters that are detailed like lacquer.

The realistic works are seen in Rea's exhibit, "American Flora," through Feb. 10 at Park West Gallery, 29469 Northwestern Highway, just north of 12 Mile in Southfield (call 810-364-2343).

Rea uses exact brushwork that makes the flowers and greenery as real as you can almost detect their scent. The settings are intense and yet delicate; that is, lush but allowing you to make out different types of blossoms. The flowers, trees and shrubs in the gardens are those that would be found in a particular climate at a particular season.

Light filters through leaves and shines on a pond. Reflections dance on water. Shadows are welcoming rather than frightening, offering to cool rather than harbor danger. You want to enter the picture, the plants embracing you as they beckon you on. Fences, Oriental structures and bridges seem to adorn the plants instead of restricting them.

Heaven and earth

Exhibits continuing to Feb. 4 at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine in Rochester (call 810-651-4110), seem to capture light and air as well as rich minerals from the earth.

"Hope," a solo show of oil pastels by Andrzej Sikora, is in the first floor Airflight galleries.

Sikora paints imaginary landscapes, with such features as unsupported ladders and geometric objects. In many works, objects stand in a vast field with a distant, obscure horizon. Sails, a paper boat, chess pieces, steps and pillars, part of a rainbow, stacks of hay are like little islands of inspiration in a mysterious but gentle sea.

Sikora came to the United States from Poland in 1990. Among his exhibits are shows at St. Mary's College Gallery in Orchard Lake, the UAW-GM Human Resource Center in Auburn Hills and Pontiac General Hospital.

"Ancient Sites" is the display in the second floor.

PERSPECTIVES

Main Gallery by Gloria Frank, Jan Lincoln and Marilyn Schechter. The two- and three-dimensional pieces combine ancient and contemporary elements. Their inspiration comes from respect for the earth.

Frank makes ceramic vessels with contemporary materials, self-glazing them in the traditional way. Her landscapes and seascapes may have an undulating surface, some shaped like turtle shells. They have layers of color that look like geologic layers. "Aurora" white pieces scatter across a dark background as if they are falling through an open doorway. "Landscapes" features green ridges that resemble rows of plantings.

Frank earned a diploma in ceramics at the Center for Creative Studies. Her show includes exhibits at the Detroit Artists Market.

Lincoln blends old and new images in her mixed media paintings and sculpture. Colors are vibrant as if they were just formed within the earth. "Ceremonial Center" includes Indian beads, marbles and what looks like bones. "Menhir II: Stone Spirit Guardian" and "Menhir III: Guardian Presence" are colorful, freestanding works that from different angles resemble a tree or a form raising its arms. (A menhir is an upright monolith from prehistoric times.)

The artist earned master and bachelor of fine arts degrees from Michigan State University. She has exhibited at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills and the Detroit Artists Market, among other places.

Marilyn Schechter makes abstract, charcoal drawings with swirling organic forms. Pieces in her "Spiral" series feature a winding row that almost becomes three-dimensional. Her "Blus Marble" series has works with blue marbles in charcoal wedges that resemble slices of fruit. Schechter earned master of arts and bachelor of science degrees from Wayne State University. Her exhibits include shows at the Janice Charach Epstein Museum/Gallery in West Bloomfield and the Detroit Institute of Arts, and in Farmington.

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Bonsai Club to meet

The Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan presents a lecture on growing indoor bonsai trees by Jack Winkle, noted regional bonsai master of Tecumseh, 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak.

The public may attend. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served. The church is one mile west of I-75. Enter on the porch facing Campbell. For more information, call Marge Clayton at 810-667-0185 or Rosalind Evannoff at 810-364-0119.

Masterpiece

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"By the time I'm done, the recent one becomes a favorite."

Among the about two dozen subjects are accountant/finance, dentist, engineer, secretary, teacher and weightlifter.

Jones started the pictures "for enjoyment," his own amusement and gifts for friends. He still enjoys them after expanding them into a business, and keeps a notebook of ideas. He would like to add more sports and occupations and maybe get into greeting cards, notecards and posters.

Jones liked sketching and drawing when he was a child.

"My extent of art training was classes when I was 9 or 10 years old."

Winter art classes offered

The Creative Arts Center of North Oakland County is offering winter classes beginning Thursday, Feb. 3.

Classes are for children in grades K-8 and adults. The classes are normally 1 1/2 hours in length and run 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information and a class schedule, call the center at 333-7849. It is at 47 Williams, between Orchard Lake Road and M-59, just west of downtown Pontiac.

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SPECTACULAR WALK-OUT

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Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath colonial. Formal living and dining room, family room, updated kitchen, hardwood floors, call now, \$175,000. CENTURY 21 NAGA, Inc. 477-9900.

GARDEN CITY

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TRULY MINT

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MAKE YOUR DREAMS

Enjoy this sparkling 3 bedroom, brick ranch in popular sub. 2 full baths, central air, large rec room with wet bar, covered patio & 2 1/2 car garage, \$101,900. CENTURY 21 Hartford 454-6400.

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Custom quality 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath ranch on approximately 1 acre. Many excellent features & whimsical touches, 2 1/2 car garage, central ceiling, large kitchen with large island, \$179,500. CENTURY 21 Hartford 500-4600.

MILFORD

OUTSTANDING, 1994 Victorian home with 2,200 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, great room with fireplace, 3 car garage, \$229,900. CENTURY 21 At The Lakes 363-1200. Ask for Christine Addison. (1110)

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REDFORD

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SHOWS LIKE NEW

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