

# Take dip into watercolors

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The Michigan Water Color Society exhibit at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association offers a refreshing way to escape the heat.

The show presents abstract and realism in rich, sharp colors and gentle pastel tones. It continues to July 8 at 1516 S. Cranbrook Road (call (810) 644-0866).

"Hollow Horn Bear" by Suzanne Bauman of Bloomfield Hills is a portrait that is majestic and a part of nature. "Still Life with Tankard" by Ann Loveland of Orchard Lake is elegant. The collection of dormers and house peaks called "Topping It Off" by Phyllis Holmes of Bloomfield Hills, is a different perspective on a neighborhood, while "Forever Daffodils" by Billie Thompson of Livonia features a different view of the flower (straight on, frontal). "The City" by Terri Melnick of West Bloomfield is painted cardboard.

Many artists evoke a mood or spirit with colors and materials. "Water Flowers" by Dabria Sue Wilson of Rochester is on tissue paper and has a water look, while "Copper Heart" by Marilyn Blinder of Southfield looks metallic. "Flute Song" by Hilka Brown of Troy has a musical air, with markings that suggest birds or floating notes.

The soft colors of dawn are shown in "Approaching Tomorrow" by Marjorie Claitor of Farmington Hills. Southfield artist Lillian Langerman's "California Sunshine" glows in orange. Bloomfield Hills artist Anita Damiani's "Nocturnal Green-

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house Blossoms" features warm earth tones. The adobe hues of "Southwest" by Bernice Marx of Bingham Farms are arranged like a pueblo.

Birmingham artist Laura Host's "Harlequin Scene" is an arrangement of features, as is Susan Kell's "Lucidity," which the Rochester Hills artist makes three-dimensional. "Field of Stitches" by Sandra Levin of Farmington resembles a cloth or garment. "Paper Sculpture No. 1" by Janis Wagoner of Troy is a dynamic, black and white, three-dimensional work.

Among the other pieces on display are "The Nitty-Gritty" by Igor Beginin of Canton, "Lost and Found" by Farmington Hills artist Edee Doppich and "Global Village with Animals" by Donald Mendelson of Southfield.

### Field days

There's still time to get your kicks with "Soccer at the Center," continuing this month at the Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams in Pontiac (call (810) 333-7849).

The center presents interactive exhibits celebrating World Cup Soccer. The Main Gallery has been turned into a soccer field in which youngsters can play. For a \$10, \$15, \$25 or \$50 donation, you can have your portrait made in a mural as one of the soccer spectators around the "field." The installation is by Giger Morda, Sara Cummings, Christina Beststein, Georgia Charnas and Leon Medlock. Artists are Jason Novetaky, Mickey Vidakovich,

Duayne Froelich and Judith Toth. Thanks are given to Just Chill Art Wear, the Rotary Club of Pontiac, the ceramics department at Oakland Community College-Royal Oak and Play It Again Sports.

In the Upper Gallery is "The Rockers, Wheels and Soccer Greats," an exhibit of indoor and outdoor soccer in Michigan. And in the Community Gallery are winning designs from the center's soccer T-shirt competition, handmade soccer balls from Kenya and handmade dolls.

### Art on the Move

A giant kaleidoscope. A lifelike spirograph. Straw towers that speak of agriculture and the city. A large steel panel that stands upright.

Objects from fiction? No, these are works created by Center for Creative Studies students in "Art on the Move," an installation of large-scale public sculptures in the Grand Circus Park area near the Fox Theatre in Detroit. The pieces are on display through June 30.

Visitors are invited to get involved with the art. Enter "Eye to the Sky" by Dawnie Kercher of Detroit to change the kaleidoscopic images, illuminated by the sun during the day and lighting at night. Manipulate the arms of the three-legged "Spirograph" by Eric Meier of White Lake to draw in chalk on the sidewalk. Get close to the 9-foot tall "Observation Device" by Marc Costello of Shelby Township to see your reflection. Visit "Buildings of Alliance" by Jim Storm of Mount Clemens. The latter consists of three 15-foot straw towers topped with metal that link urban and rural concepts.

Two other works in the installation are by artists. They are "Elysium," a 20-foot mirrored arch by Valerie Mann of Saline and "The Bednarsh of West Bloomfield," and "Re-configuring Cortazar: Hopscotch," a large, painted game board pattern by Jill Vasileff of Detroit.

The four CCS students worked with 15 teenagers from high school in Detroit. The high school students participated in workshops at CCS, and worked as apprentices to the artists. They helped with the fabrication and



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installation of the pieces, learning welding, wood measuring and cutting and metal plate assembly. The workshops were under the direction of CCS faculty Todd Erickson of Redford, Matt Holland and Joseph Weaner of Birmingham. A special jury selected the proposals.

### Fine Dining

The Lemberg Gallery, 538 N. Woodward in Birmingham (call (810) 642-6223) is presenting handcolored prints by Jim Dine through July 1. Robes, tools, hearts and Venus images, washed in vivid primary colors, take on special, personal associations in his work. The large pieces invite the viewers before them to make their own personal introspections.

### At the Galleria

In "Illumination and Interpretation," their show continuing to June 29 at the Oakland County Galleria (call (810) 858-0415), members of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors show many different moods. Portraits, landscapes, still lifes and nature studies in abstract and realism set a varied but harmonious tone. The exhibit was juried by Michael Mahoney. Pauline Ender's "The Step"

shows a man sitting on a step, brushstrokes swirling around and on him. "Fauve" by Judy Harthorn is painted in the Fauvism style, with clashing colors and vigorous strokes. "Eleven: Eleven" by Ann Loveland is a tranquil setting featuring an open book, a pair of glasses, a timepiece, flowers and grapes. Bernice Marx's "Skin Heads: Homage to Hiram" is a haunting collection of pale heads, features almost indistinct, some resembling skulls.

### Here and there

There's a chance for some real star gazing at the Midtown Cafe, 139 S. Woodward in Birmingham. Starting today, the restaurant will present a permanent exhibit of photographs by famed photojournalist Linda Solomon of Birmingham. More than 60 photos will be displayed around the edge of the restaurant. Featured celebrities captured on film include Candice Bergen, Alec Baldwin, Bruce Springsteen, Aretha Franklin, Elizabeth Taylor and Barbra Streisand. This is Solomon's first permanent show in the Detroit area. Reprints on display may be bought and autographed by Solomon.

The "Celebrate Life" art show continues through Sunday at the Congregational Church of Bir-

mingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. The annual exhibit attracts hundreds of artists from southeastern Michigan and the Midwest. This year's award recipients are Maureen Vachon Beckley, 4500 Ketharine Kell Best of Show Award; Hans Nordlund of Bloomfield Hills, S.R. Miller of Bloomfield Township, Karen Kniesly of Waterford, Anne Barson-Niparko of Dearborn, Diann Benoit Jameyfield of Oxford and Paula Luke of Grosse Pointe Park. \$100 merit awards. Call (810) 646-4511.

Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan is seeking nominations for the 10th annual Governors' Arts Awards. Honors are the International Achievement Award, Michigan Artist Award, Civic Leader Award, Arts in Education Award, Media Honor Roll Award, Business Honor Roll Award and Arts Organization Award. Nominations must be postmarked by Thursday, June 30. The award celebration will take place in November. For information, call COAM at (313) 961-1770.

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