

CREATIVE LIVING

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PERSPECTIVES



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Artists offer welcome to their new gallery

Hamilton Street in Birmingham beckons, curving as though it is making a welcoming, "come here" gesture. In keeping with this friendly air is the Nordlund Balogh Gallery at 391 Hamilton, off Park, north of Maple and east of Woodward. The gallery opened last month, featuring sculpture and paintings by local artists Charles Balogh, Howard Nordlund and Hans Nordlund.

Howard Nordlund was at the gallery the other day when I stopped by. "We cover quite a spectrum," he said. Realistic and abstract works are displayed. Hans Nordlund does portraits. "Sculpture and painting — one enhances the other." Works by Balogh, a member of the Sculptors Guild of Michigan, have personality and power. The pieces include a penguin family made out of metal and a sleek dolphin and seal made out of wood. "The Kiss" has a native quality to it. An architectural cast stone, with a flowing pattern, has a special strength. Howard Nordlund presents nature with a sensitive touch. He captures beams of light and colors of the season in serigraphs that show paths in wooded settings. Other works are seascapes with actual crystals in the canvas, sparkling like a natural brooch. All have a quiet drama to them, nudging memories or generating dreams. Hans Nordlund's paintings include a moving portrait of Christ on the cross, with wood adding a three-dimensional element. Nordlund's portrait of a young girl seems ready to step into the room. The gallery offers a one-on-one approach, with the artists who create the pieces on hand. The gallery owners want visitors to take their time viewing the works. "Take time to look."

New in town

Also new to the gallery scene is the Bell Gallery at 102 N. Woodward in Birmingham, opened by Diane and Craig Bell this month. The gallery shows regional, national and international artists. The Bells, who have galleries in Harbor Springs, Mich., and Memphis, Tenn., are delighted with locating in Birmingham, where they have family and friends. "We love it here," Diane said. "It was an excellent opportunity for us." "We deal in classic contemporary art . . . Each person is really unique." The group show now on at the gallery includes paintings, sculpture and works in metal, wood, glass and clay by national and international artists. Michigan artist Richard Jerzy's scenes have jewel-like colors that make a kitchen setting or floral arrangements above the ordinary. Joseph Bernard, also of Michigan, makes abstract paintings that invite exploration. They feature natural materials suspended in resins, and while they have rectangles that create order they also are energetic in their pattern. Larry Gray's paintings have hues like mist. Paintings by Mark Rediske show large objects that could be tools or game pieces, simultaneously strange and familiar.

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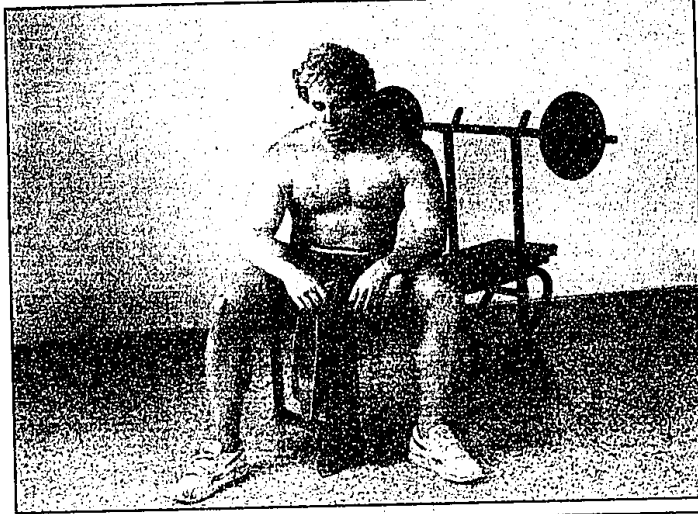
- A visit to Birmingham resident Cris Goad's Miniature Makers' Workshop, celebrating its 10th year.
- Marty Figley's Garden Spot column.

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Strong showing



On display: This lifelike "Body Builder" by Duane Hanson is one of the works in "Building The Cranbrook Collection: Acquisitions During Roy Slade's Tenure 1977-94," a current exhibit at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. Hanson donated this piece, which is made of polychromed bronze and mixed media, to the collection in honor of Slade. More on the show is inside today's Creative Living section.

Classic art: Colorful, artistic, fascinating movie posters, such as these from the current exhibit at The Print Gallery in Southfield, are big collector's items.



Movie posters have starring role for many



Movie posters put art as well as stars in the viewer's eyes. The posters and other movie memorabilia can be glorious graphics, as seen at The Print Gallery in Southfield. They are popular among a variety of collectors. Different decades offer different styles, and items from foreign countries have their own look.

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Posters, lobby cards and other memorabilia from the silver screen are like gold to collectors. The artistry as well as the memories associated with such items make them popular among many people, and not just to movie buffs. Now showing at The Print Gallery in Southfield: samples of the variety and versatility of movie

memorabilia. The exhibit continues through Jan. 28 at 29203 Northwestern Highway. "It's been going very well," Diane DeCillis of The Print Gallery, which is celebrating 15 years in business, said of the display. "We have a lot of diverse types of people coming to the gallery . . . I find it interesting how enthusiastic people are about movies." "People who like the movie like (to have) a part of that movie."

Special subject

A few things are special about movie posters, said Joel Bouchard, vice president of the American Collectors Exchange in Chattanooga, Tenn. "They're one of a kind," Bouchard said recently, when he was at the gallery to speak at the opening of the exhibit. " . . . Virtually other collectibles were made to be bought and sold." Movie posters, on the other hand, were made just to advertise a film. They were distributed to theaters and weren't designed to last beyond the movie's run. Also, other collectibles are male dominated, Bouchard said. "It (collecting movie posters) crosses all boundaries — man/woman, black/white . . ."

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■ **HOLIDAY HARBONY**
Bordine's will feature holiday entertainment this weekend at its Rochester Hills garden store, 1835 S. Rochester (call (810) 951-9000). Saturday performers will be Jingle Bel presenting the Broadway Brigade, Rara, Short Circuit, Spotlight Theater and Circuit Breakers, directed by Beate Luddecke, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and the University Hills Elementary Fourth Grade Choir, directed by Renie King, 1:30-2 p.m. On

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Sunday, performers will be Girl Scout Troop 2308, directed by Susan Janning, noon; Longmeadow Elementary School, 12:30 p.m.; the Meadowbrook Elementary Second to Fifth Grade Choir, directed by Bernadette Donahue, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; the Exultation Women's Ensemble from Troy Baptist Church, directed by Deanna Francis, 2-2:45 p.m.; and the duet of Derek Wargo and Melissa Bridges from Rochester High School, 3-4 p.m.

DELIGHTFUL DECORATION

The paper cutout ornaments by Susan Corlett Schultz at the Carousel Gallery, 81 W. Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills (call (810) 433-0350), are particularly popular. A Gross Pointe woman recently wrote the gallery to order a selection of the pieces, sending along the money.

ON THE WALL

Visitors to "Miracle on Pine Street," the holiday gift gallery at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester, receive special season's greetings in the form of a mural painted by 120 third graders from Hampton Elementary. The cheery, colorful work features a snow scene. The FCCA is at 407 Pine. Call (810) 651-4110.