

Jewelry designer turns to sculpture

Mark Belchenko, whose innovative jewelry designs have won numerous awards and have been shown in Madison Avenue galleries and Neiman Marcus, has entered the arena of sculpture.

Belchenko, who grew up in Livonia, has been working in welded steel since 1990. The Royal Oak artist has already captured an Award of Excellence, been given a one-man show and had work purchased for the prestigious McDonald's collection in Oak Brook, Ill.

June 1995 will bring the completion and installation of a major commission awarded to Belchenko. The stunning new residence for the Temple Shalom in West Bloomfield will showcase his 13-foot tall steel and limestone sculpture.

The sculpture focuses on the unity and guidance that the "family" must provide. A grouping of three metaphorical ladders, figurative in form, support each other in an ascending climb. A four-foot tall base constructed of rough-hewn limestone blocks reinforces the importance of a solid foundation.

Belchenko recently showed work at Perry Sherwood Fine Art in Petoskey. Call (616) 349-5079.



Family form: This model shows the steel and limestone sculpture by Mark Belchenko that will be showcased in the new residence for the Temple Shalom in West Bloomfield. The work, to be completed and installed in June, focuses on the unity and guidance that the "family" must provide.

Area artists win awards in 'Our Town'

Area artists were among those who won awards in this year's Our Town Art Exhibit and Sale, which took place at The Community House in Birmingham recently.

First prize recipients and their works included Howard Dombrowski of Redford, "Pasture," oil; Nancy Thayer of Lathrup Village, "Hidden Waters," acrylic; Karen Carter Van Gampier of

Troy, "Shimmering Twilight," oil; and Deborah Hecht of Bloomfield Hills, "Table," ceramic on iron base.

Third prize recipients and their pieces included Ernest Kellet of Troy, "The Girls," oil; D.M. Parrish of Troy, "Mr. Dunne," oil; and Billie Thompson of Livonia, "Dancing Deer," watercolor.

The Chairman's Award went to Jeri Fellwock of Farmington Hills

for "The Family," watercolor.

Among those who received honorable mention were Ricki Berlin of West Bloomfield, for "Moon Light," acrylic; Julie Dawson of Birmingham, "Fun With Dick and Jane," watercolor; Fernando Diaz of Lake Orion, "Panorama," photography; Dorothy Foley of Bloomfield, "Spotlight Pears," acrylic; Terri Melnick of West

Bloomfield, "City Sidewalk III," mixed media; Hans Nordlund of Bloomfield Hills, "The Cross in My Woods," oil; Constance Powell of Birmingham, "Historic Courthouses in Southeast Michigan," handcolored serigraph; Rita Mack Skoczen of Rochester Hills, "Drummer," watercolor; and Peggy Lynn Smith of Farmington Hills, "Katie," pastel.

Cityscapes outdoor art project continues

A sculpture by Michigan artist Albert Young has been installed in downtown Birmingham as part of the Cityscapes program of the Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield.

The cast glass and welded steel piece, titled "Baker," on the southeast corner of Southfield Road and Maple, is a continuation of the project initiated several years ago by the cultural council. The artist loans the work, the

city approves the work and loans the site and the cultural council covers installation and insurance costs.

There are currently four outdoor sites in downtown Birmingham and one in Beverly Hills where loaned public sculpture is being displayed as part of the Cityscapes program.

Young, a Ferndale resident, was former co-owner, operator and instructor of S&V Hot Glass, affil-

iate of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. He has a master of fine arts degree in sculpture from Wayne State University and a bachelor of fine arts degree from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. He is a member of the CCS faculty.

His works are in the permanent collections of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Osaka University of Arts, Osaka, Japan, St. Clair Community College, St. Clair Art Associ-

ation and Shinko Management Services of Tokyo, Japan, among others.

Young tells viewers not to work to find a reference to the title in the piece itself. His titles refer to where he was at the time he began to visualize the work.

Young's work has been exhibited widely in Michigan and the United States. He is represented by Habitat Galleries of Michigan and Florida.

Group seeks entries for short story competition

The Friends of Polish Art, an educational and social organization founded in 1937, is conducting the FPA Inaugural Short Story Competition.

The competition is open to Michigan residents of Polish descent, age 18 or older. Entries must be submitted with a completed entry form and a check for

\$10, made out to FPA Short Story Competition, no later than Friday, Jan. 20. For entry forms and more information, call (810) 646-9054.

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