

FINE ARTS

Arts division seeks volunteers

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Mary Kiernik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or fax them by calling (810) 644-1314.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Southfield Cultural Arts Division needs volunteers who would like to help 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday at the division's new home, the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24360 Southfield Road. Duties include answering the phone and handling questions regarding upcoming Cultural Arts events as well as greeting visitors to the center and directing them to the appropriate office.

You don't have to be knowledgeable in the arts to help. Call Marlene Belanger, Cultural Arts Division manager, at (810) 424-9034 to volunteer.

The division is an arm of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department. The division sponsors and presents concerts, art exhibits, movies and classic film series, classes in dance, art and foreign language and school-break day camps for children. It is also involved with City of Southfield Tours, and the Southfield Symphony and many more performing groups in the area. The division's phone number is (810) 424-9022.

ARTBEAT

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Artquest Gallery, 186 N. Woodward in Birmingham, is displaying a Children's Corner during the holiday season. Whimsical wooden toys, marionettes, horses, cars, trucks, kaleidoscopes and mobiles are featured; creative, handcrafted toys that will brighten youngsters' eyes and delight the child within us all. Profits from a closed bid auction during the Birmingham Midnight Shopping Spree Friday, Dec. 15, will benefit the Ronald McDonald Fund. Call the gallery at (810) 540-2484 for more information.

ART FOR RENT

Tired of the decor in your home or office? Looking for a way to spice up a room for a party? Wish you could change the look of a room every month? Bloomfield Township Public Library users can rent a variety of art prints and reproductions from the library, 1099 Lone Pine Road at Telegraph.

The rental fee is \$5 per piece per month, for up to three months. To renew, just bring in the card from the library on the back of the work. Pictures that have been in the collection for

MORE HOURS

The Cranbrook Art Museum has increased its hours of operation more than six months ago. It is now open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. This is an increase of 10 hours per week. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, senior citizens and full-time students, and free for children under age 7 and art museum members. For recorded information, call (810) 645-3312.

ANIMATED DISCUSSION

A workshop is planned to teach young people ages 6 to 15 how to animate their own films. The sessions would run Feb. 10 to March 2. Costs for non-members of the Animation Network Club are \$85, \$150 for a two-person package or \$250 for a family package. Calls (810) 626-2286 for more information.

The club sponsored a one-day seminar earlier this month that featured lectures and demonstrations. Wayne State University instructor Robert Martin, one of the speakers, showed a video demonstration of the live performance he developed through animating his body movements on computer. Club president Jane Dablah of West Bloomfield demonstrated how to paint on cello. Upcoming club events include artist gatherings in December and March. Call for information.

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Send entries to: Keely Wygonik, Taste and Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150. Entries must be received by Dec. 11. For more information, call (313) 953-2105.

Winners will be announced on Dec. 21, and notified by phone.

Sugar Loaf Resort, called the "Lake Tahoe of the Midwest" offers a SKIweek (Kid's Klub) for 5-12-year-olds and Pre-SKIweek (Cub's Club) for 3- and 4-year-olds. There are special classes for all levels of ability.

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