

ARTISTIC EVENTS

This is a listing of gallery exhibits and other art-related events that are continuing, and of galleries that run regular shows. Openings and other events are listed in Thursday's Arts and Entertainment section. Send announcements of Oakland County art gallery exhibitions to: Mary Klemic, Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009; fax (810) 644-1314.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
To April 25 - The fifth annual "Emerging Artists" exhibit and sale continues in the museum/gallery in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. The 17 featured artists present: paintings, photography, fabric, jewelry and handmade paper. Call (810) 661-7641.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY
To April 26 - "Image, Light & Structure," the 12th annual glass show in the Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, features a brilliant display of color and light. The invitational exhibit attracts some of the most talented glass artists in the Midwest. Pieces are suspended from the Galleria's arches that overlook a skylighted, tree-filled atrium. Call (810) 858-0415.

LEMBERG GALLERY
To April 27 - Recent works by Jane Hammond are exhibited at 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Call (810) 642-6623.

START GALLERIES
To April 27 - An exhibit of drawings and wall sculpture by Marilyn Schechter of West Bloomfield continues at 211 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Call (810) 644-2991.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through April 27 - "Kalidoscopia," an exhibit by the Birmingham Society of Women Painters, continues at 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Other works on display by gallery artists include acrylic, oil and watercolor paintings, prints, pottery, ceramic and metal sculpture, handpainted silk scarves, jewelry and painted furniture. Call (810) 334-6716.

SHAW GUIDO GALLERY
To April 27 - An exhibit of work by John Woodward and "Contemporary Jewelers: Modern Masters," continues at 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Woodward paints landscapes on his large scale male portrait busts. You don't only look at his sculpture, you look through it. The jewelry exhibit focuses on one of the most important jewelers working today. Call (810) 333-1070.

ALEXA LEE GALLERY
Through April 27 - "Work from the Wedge and Groove Series," an exhibit of new sculpture by Detroit artist Lois Teicher, continues at 201 Nickels Arcade, Ann Arbor. Call (313) 663-8800.

WORDS INTO FLOWERS PEACE CENTER AND GALLERY
Through April 27 - Two exhibits, "Out of the Archives" and "Humor and War," continue at 313 E. Adams, Detroit. "Out of the Archives" features works bought by the gallery since its beginning in 1985. Michigan and Ontario artists make statements about the need and possibility of world peace. "Humor and War" has pulled together a significant collection of political cartoons, comics, books and videos that speak to the irony/ineffectiveness of war as a tool of creating peace. Call (313) 965-5422.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through April 28 - The 59th annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition continues at 5200 Woodward, featuring works in all media by students in grades K-12. Call (313) 833-7900.

HABATAT GALLERIES
To April 28 - Habitat Galleries' 24th annual International Glass Invitational continues at 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Call (810) 333-2020.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
To April 28 - "Bold Strokes: The Inventiveness of Rembrandt's Late Prints" continues at 625 S. State, Ann Arbor. This exhibit of 18 objects explores the extraordinary creative flowering that marked the end of Rembrandt's life. By juxtaposing late works with earlier prints on

the same or a similar theme, the show looks at the evolution of the master's treatment of key subjects and allows viewers the opportunity to appreciate his innovative alterations to images of people, places and situations to which he kept returning. Call (313) 764-0395.

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
To Oct. 27 - "Our Window to the Past: Historic Architecture in Rural Michigan" continues at Van Hoosen Farm on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Trienken, four miles north of M-59. The exhibit, created and organized by Professor Richard Graham of Michigan State University, features a collection of outstanding photographs of historic houses. Visitors can experience a bird's eye view of 19th century rural architecture through scale models by Kenneth Klemmer. One scale model allows visitors to watch the Van Hoosen Farmhouse mechanically separate to reveal the 1920s additions that altered the original 1840s building. Authentic clothing of the time period is placed next to each architectural type display. Call (810) 656-4663.

ARCHIVES A.D.
The eclectic and exciting gallery at 114 W. Third, Rochester, offers hand-painted furniture, art pillows, faux painted walls and columns, murals and screens, recycled metal garden stakes, sculpture, and handmade lampwork glass beaded earrings and pins by Peter Gironak. Call (810) 651-1485.

ARTQUEST GALLERY
The gallery at 185 N. Woodward, Birmingham, offers contemporary works of art for the home. Gift certificates and bridal registry available. Call (810) 640-2484.

COWBOY TRADER
Michigan's only Wild West gallery offers cowboy and Indian antiques and collectibles, including saddles and chaps, Western art, Navaho rugs, Plains Indian artifacts, turquoise and silver jewelry, books and rare photos and antique firearms. The gallery is at 251 Merrill, Suite 209, in Birmingham. Call (810) 647-8833.

CUNIFF STUDIO-GALLERY
A photo exhibit by "Lawrenes" and Bob Kunz continues at 11 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. Call (810) 693-3632.

DEGRIMME GALLERY
The deGrimme Gallery in the Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz in Troy, specializes in European fine art. Its unusual collection includes works by G. Sanvitale, H. Berger, Malvo, L. Sarto, B. Lisakow, J. Koverkian, A. Chagniot, E. Cerrone and R. Stevers, and one-of-a-kind, reverse, hand-painted, signed, copyrighted and numbered lamps, chandeliers and sconces by Ulla Darmi. Art consultation is provided for individuals, corporations and law firms. Call (810) 649-4664.

FORM AND FUNCTION
The gallery at 408 Main in Rochester specializes in glass art, contemporary lamps, metal art, furniture, jewelry and many other decorative accessories. Custom orders available. Call (810) 656-8290.

GALLERY ANIMATO
Vintage and contemporary animation clips and drawings from animated film classics are featured at 574 N. Woodward in Birmingham. Call (810) 644-8312.

GALLERY NIKKO
Gallery Nikko, a division of Sandra Collins, offers a selection of contemporary crafts at 470 N. Woodward in Birmingham, including whimsical gift items and jewelry. Selected items discounted 10 to 40 percent. Call (810) 642-4795.

GALLERY SHAANTI
The gallery at 361 E. Maple in Birmingham features arts and crafts of India. Call (810) 647-9292.

HAIG GALLERIES
The gallery specializes in ancient, Asian and tribal arts. It displays and sells art pieces from Nepal, India, Africa, China and other countries; have Greek, Roman, Egyptian and pre-Columbian pottery, textiles and other items; and features Chinese court robes and original ceramics from the Han (200 B.C. to A.D. 200), Tang (A.D. 700-900) and Ming (A.D. 1400-1600) dynasties. Art is priced from \$50 to \$20,000 and up. Gallery owners are Paul Haig, owner of P.R. Haig Jewelers in Rochester, and Diane Haig, who has her own computer consulting company, Ticon, in Rochester. The gallery is at 311 Main in downtown Rochester. Call (810) 656-3759.

HERMITAGE GALLERY
A world class display of the finest museum quality recreations of works by famous European master artists - including Rembrandt, Monet, Van Gogh, Renoir and Vermeer - is featured at 225 Main, Rochester. The works are crafted in oil on Belgium linen canvas by European artisans. Commission your favorite work or choose from the gallery's extensive inventory. Decorators and office and hotel managers may take advantage of a free consultation service. The gallery features five "theme" rooms segregating specific work: eclectic, Victorian, impressionist, masculine and Renaissance. Also shown are acrylic sculptures by various artists, including Michael Williams and Fredrick Hart. Call (810) 656-8559.

LUDA ART GALLERY
The gallery at 103-B E. Fourth, Rochester, presents for the first time a completely new collection of nude paintings by artist Luda Tcherniak, whose talent transports the viewer beyond the images and lines of her works into a focus on emotions and feelings. Call (810) 652-7052 for an appointment.

MESA ARTS GALLERY
Sue and Ellen Rantal are finding new vistas for the gallery, which is at 32800 Franklin Road in Franklin. While continuing to represent favorite artists from the Southwest, they have embarked on a new mission to find similarly outstanding artists from across the country. The Mesa Arts Gallery Collection focuses on custom furniture, lamps, home accessories, handwrought tubles, bedsteads, cabinets and armoires, painted mirrors, rugs, whimsical rustic garden pieces and a continuing selection of glass, ceramic pieces, jewelry and fine paintings. Call (810) 651-9949.

OBJECTS OF ART
The gallery at 6243 Orchard Lake Road, just north of Maple in West Bloomfield, celebrates contemporary art with pieces ranging from tranquil glass creations to powerful metal statues to dramatic clay carvings, for both indoors and outdoors. Unusual collections represent both well-known and emerging artists from the local area and throughout the United States. Call (810) 639-3332.

PIERRE BITTAR GALLERY
World-renowned French Impressionist painter Pierre

Bittar invites you to view his first original oil paintings of local Detroit area landmarks depicting Birmingham, Bloomfield and Grosse Pointe at 295 W. Maple, Birmingham. Paintings from northern Michigan, France and the Caribbean Islands are also displayed. Call (810) 433-9917.

PRIVATE COLLECTION GALLERY
Carole Sharpe's "Seasons" collection is featured at 6736A Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Sharpe is a Denver glass artist who incorporates found objects with her glass to create her sculptures. Call (810) 737-4050.

REIDELBACH GALLERY
The gallery in Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz, Troy, offers a collection of contemporary crafts and furniture, presenting a range of art work that will bring a sense of vitality to any commercial or residential environment. Call (810) 816-8429.

Russell Klnt Gallery
The wild and fun animal sculptures of Michigan artist Eric Evans are now gracing in the gallery at 1467 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Cows, elephants, zebras and more are all there ready to be adopted. Call (810) 647-6655.

Sandra Collins
The retail craft gallery at 470 N. Woodward, Birmingham, features selected works in clay, fiber, wood and glass. Complimentary gift wrapping and gift registry available. Call (810) 642-4795.

The Sports Gallery
The sports memorabilia specialty store at 280 N. Woodward, Suite 217, Birmingham, showcases items including autographed photos from such professional athletes as Grant Hill, Barry Sanders and Ted Williams, as well as jerseys, lithographs, baseballs, bats, footballs, basketballs and display cases. Call (810) 642-0444.

Stewart & Stewart
Stewart & Stewart, 6571 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, is a member of the International Fine Print Dealers Association. Transparent colors, rarely seen in screenprints, and painterly techniques characterize its prints. Several of the new editions were created in the historical county setting of what was the gardeners' quarters of the 1920s Book Family summer estate once owned by Edsel Ford. For visuals or a private viewing appointment, call (810) 626-5248.

The voice of public education

Success—It's all in the family

The family, for all of the differences and peculiar traits of its individual members, is a wonderful source of inspiration, energy and growth. It's for that very reason that we celebrate Teacher Day/School Family Day each spring.

On Tuesday, May 7, citizens in every local community throughout the nation are being encouraged to take time to recognize the contributions of all school employees as well as the fundamental importance of our public schools. This year, in particular, we can spend a moment reflecting on the great strides our Michigan public schools have made in improving, innovating, changing and restructuring the system in order to do an even better job of meeting the educational needs of our children.

While there are literally hundreds of wonderful examples of this innovative spirit in our public schools throughout the state, one is particularly exciting for its sheer scope and vision. Eleven Oakland County school districts have gotten together to meet the challenge of educating their children.

It all started in 1991, when Bert Okma, a veteran teacher of economics and history for the Bloomfield Hills School District, took a risk. Okma embraced that risk out of a concern that he might not be doing all he could to prepare his students to go forth after graduation to contribute to survive and thrive in a global economy. He was a challenging and popular economics teacher, enthusiastic about his subject—and yet—he still felt there was a way he could do more. As his ideas took shape, they became like an itch that can't be scratched. Finally, Bert Okma stepped out on a limb to fly the banner of change and see if anyone in the Bloomfield Hills School District would salute it.

Bert Okma's proposal was profoundly innovative. He envisioned a high school for students who wish to specialize in international business and economics—students who would graduate with an international baccalaureate diploma, with multilingual fluency, technical literacy and cross-cultural understanding.

He took his idea to the Bloomfield Hills superintendent and other administrators, to his school board, his teaching colleagues and union representatives. Neighboring school districts were informed; parents and the business and university communities were involved.

Not only the Oakland school family, but also the education community saluted Bert's innovative idea.

To summarize the dynamics of the intervening five years, Okma and members of the Bloomfield Hills staff found support, enthusiasm and cooperation on all sides. Other Oakland County schools were intrigued by the chance to offer such a unique educational choice and rigorous academic challenge to their students. Also joining in the school/community partnership with enthusiastic parents were major businesses such as Ford Motor Company, the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, Oakland County Department of Community and Economic Development, and J.D. Powers and Associates.

Another aspect essential to the success of this project was the spirit of cooperation and support for the school-union representatives worked out an agreement with the administration establishing the terms and conditions of employment for the teachers who will be employed there. Further, a team of area teachers developed an umbrella job description for hiring teachers and support staff.

This summer—just five years after Okma first stated his idea out to the education community—vision becomes reality. In August, the doors will open to the International Academy, the new high school whose mission is "to promote human potential through productive and cooperative individuals of good character working to achieve democratic structures, an open international economy and cross-cultural understanding."

Students will come from a consortium of eleven Oakland County school districts: Avondale, Berkley, Birmingham, Ferndale, Lake Orion, Oxford, Rochester, Troy, West Bloomfield, Farmington and, of course, Bloomfield Hills. And greeting that first freshman class will be Bert Okma, former economics teacher, now International Academy principal and a man who knows the true meaning of School Family Day!

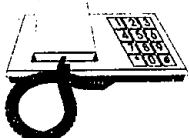


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