

ART BEAT

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**FOLK ART**  
West Bloomfield artist George Landino will bring his whimsical wood sculptures, boxes, pins, and toys to the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair (booth #168 on State Street) July 16-19.

Landino recently retired from Birmingham Groves High School after 40 years as an art teacher. He grew up in a family of 18 where "daily life was survival of the humorous or fittest." Since money was tight, butcher paper, sticks and strings became kids, and cork ball was the game of choice.

Today, Landino's work is more sophisticated but no less fun. His themes include cowboys and Indians, Ty Cobb and baseball, the first astronaut being hurled into space from a slingshot, man-woman relationships, animals, and airplanes. A Noah's Ark comes with removable animals. His dragon on wheels emerged from a childhood story about a dragon who ate everything in sight. Open up the dragon and you reveal the animals inside.

**CLASSIC EGYPTIAN CINEMA**  
As the Detroit Institute of Arts prepares to unveil the extraordinary exhibition "Splendors of Ancient Egypt," the museum presents a week of Egyptian films July 13-20 in the DIA Auditorium, 5200 Woodward, enter through the John R Street theater marquee doors.

Part of the Centennial of Arab Cinema Tour, these films embody key ideas such as displacement and patriarchy in the broadest terms of politics, spirituality, family structure, and gender relations.

Tickets are \$5.50, seniors, full-time students and Founders members are \$4.50, discounts coupons in books of five are \$20, and available in advance or at the door, call the box office at (313) 833-2323.

Egypt, whose film production spans the full century of cinema, is considered the Hollywood of the Middle East. Throughout the Arab world, cinema, has played

a key role in interpreting the events and transformations that affect the individual so deeply.

**ANGEL ARTIST APPEARS**  
Internationally-collected angel artist Andy Lakey will demonstrate his artistic gift by creating personal energy paintings by appointment Wednesday, July 9 at Angel Treasures, 425 Walnut Street in Rochester. From 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, Lakey will be signing books and doing personal energy sketches at Angel Treasures. For more information, call (248) 650-4944.

Lakey will also appear at a seminar with George Anderson and Danni Brinkley from 5 p.m. Sunday, July 6 at the Museum Center for the Performing Arts. For ticket information, call (248) 286-2222.

A collection of series paintings, "hands" paintings, miniature paintings, limited edition lithographs, and museum collection jewelry will be on display in the new Andy Lakey Gallery in Angel Treasures.

Lakey paints angels as he has seen them, an experience beyond our typical comprehension. As told within his newly released book, "Art, Angels and Miracles," Lakey experienced a life-saving event when angels rescued him from a drug overdose 10 years ago in his California home. The visit brought a miraculous change of events. He stopped using drugs and came to understand a deeper meaning and direction for his life and talents. Lakey made a commitment to create 2,000 original angel paintings by the year 2000, and he is well on his way. Using a relief technique called Sensualism, his paintings are created in raised lines which can be traced with the fingertips and "seen" by the visually impaired. His paintings combine layers of texture with brilliant color and light, lines and composition.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**  
Canton Project Arts is looking for fine artists to exhibit in its annual Fine Arts Exhibition Oct. 18-24 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Deadline for entry is Aug. 27. For more information, call Kathleen Salla at (313) 397-6450. A total of \$1,500 in cash will

be awarded for Best of Show, Second and Third Place, and Merit Awards (four). Juror Jean Marie McKnight will select the winning entries after reviewing the actual works prior to the exhibition.

McKnight studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, Detroit Institute of Arts and Michigan State University. She has exhibited her work in institutions at Marygrove College in Detroit; Stocker Gallery, Ohio, and Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. McKnight has won awards from the Birmingham elementary school PTA, State Fair Fine Arts and Michigan Fine Arts Exhibitions, and Hallmark National Design Competition. McKnight, who has had more than 20 one-woman shows, has work in numerous collections throughout the U.S.

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville** is looking for artists for its fifth annual "Sharing the Gift Within" juried fine art show Oct. 4-10.

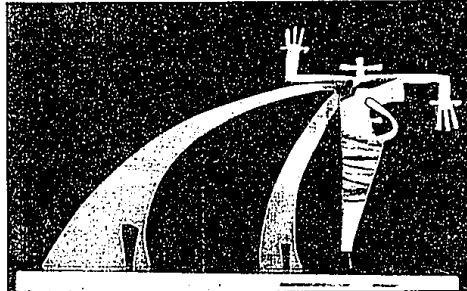
The juror is Gail Mally-Mack who will award cash prizes from \$50 to \$300 after on-site judging of the watercolor, oil, collage, sculpture, graphics, photography, clay, and fiber.

For more information, call (248) 349-0011.

**DANCE WORKSHOPS**  
Wayne State University will hold a series of dance workshops July 7 to Aug. 2, in the Old Main dance studios. University credit is available. For more information, call the WSD dance department at (313) 577-4273.

Topics include creative dance for children (July 7-Aug. 2 with Sharon McCall), modern dance technique and multimedia choreography (July 7-11, Barbara Selinger), jazz and repertory (July 7-11, Gregory Patterson), modern jazz/hip-hop (July 14-18, Erica Wilson), modern and Caribbean dance (July 21-Aug. 1, Robin Wilson), and modern dance and repertory (July 21-Aug. 1, Gina Ellis).

**BBAA SHOWS**  
Brenda Dunne of Livonia is the July Artist of the Month at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, north of 14 Mile Road, Birmingham. Call (248)



644-0866.

Dunne's pastel landscapes and seascapes, with a wonderful sense of light and color, will remain on display through July 31.

**Also, note:**  
The 18th annual Alma College Statewide Print Exhibition, showcasing the work of 30 Michigan artists, continues through July 26.

The show is traveling for eight months to five Michigan locations. The BBAA is the second to last stop.

Juror Frances Myers, an award-winning printmaker and University of Wisconsin art faculty member said in regards to the work, "the delight for me, as an artist who make prints, has been to encounter so much depth of concept coupled with a tremendous sophistication of technical means. A gallery visit will reward with challenging ideas, some nostalgia, humor and purely visual delights."

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**ART & TECHNOLOGY INSPIRATION**  
The Polk Company has called for entries for its first annual juried art competition. The exhibit will be held at the Scarab Club in Detroit, September 7-21. The competition will showcase art created by Michigan artists that demonstrates the influence of art on technology and vice versa.

The award-winning works will be included in the Polk Collection and become the property of Polk.

Jurors include William Bostick, former administration at the DIA, William Lewis, retired U of M professor, John Pappas, professor at Eastern Michigan, Gilda Snowden, associate professor at Center for Creative Studies, and Joe Zajac, associate professor at Wayne State.

Send entry form to Greg Scott, Polk, 26955 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, 48034. All entries must be postmarked by July 31.

For information, contact Preston Burke Gallery, 37606 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 48331; (248) 488-0200.

**PAINT CREEK CENTER SEEKS ARTISTS**

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts (PCCA) in Rochester is requesting proposals of strong, challenging and innovative bodies of work in all media for six solo exhibits of 1998.

All entries must be received at the PCCA by Oct. 14.

PCCA is also seeking entries for a two-person exhibit, June 25-July 31 in its Main Gallery. Artist in all media including installation are encouraged to submit entries.

The PCCA Exhibit Committee will jury submissions. Deadline

**Whimsical worlds:**  
Cowboys and Indians are a favorite theme in George Landino's wood sculptures, boxes and folk art. Visit his booth at the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair July 16-19.

# Cranbrook hosts writers

Fourteen nationally published writers will present their work July 9-24 at any of the Cranbrook Retreat for Writers.

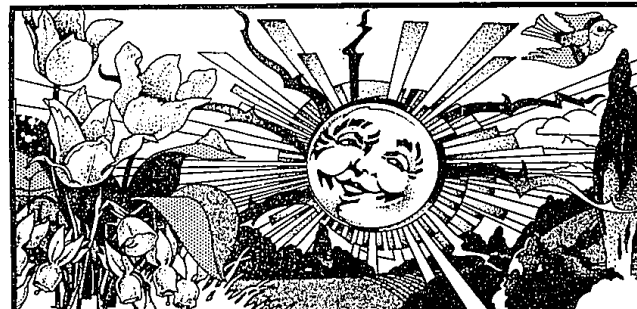
The readings, which are free to the public, begin at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday and Thursday and feature poetry, fiction, essay, memoir and children's literature. Copies of each writer's latest works will be available for sale, courtesy of Borders Books of Birmingham.

This reading series is part of the first-ever Cranbrook Retreat for Writers. Five-day workshops offer writers all skill levels instruction by renowned authors, poets and essayists.

Scheduled are poets Brenda Hillman and Marie Howe and memoir writer Doug Stanton, July 9; poet Stephen Dun and fiction writers Jack Driscoll and Pam Houston, July 10; fiction writers Joseph Caldwell, Lucy

Rosenthal and Joshua Henkin, July 16; poet Susan Mitchell, memoir writer Richard McCann and children's book author Elaine Greenstein, July 17; poet Thomas Lux, July 23; and essayist John Skoyles, July 24.

The readings will be at the Cranbrook Schools Kingswood Campus Common Room, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.



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