

## ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Oakland County arts news leads to Frank Provenzano, arts reporter, *Eccentric! Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009, or fax them to (248)644-5712.

## FINAL DAYS

You'll think you're seeing spots when you see "Puppy Love," one of the woodcut prints in an exhibition by Michael McCullough at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road.

The Dalmatian fivesome looks like trouble to me.

A native of Redford currently living in Farmington Hills, McCullough creates a variety of

subject matter from whimsical to the "Thous" to thought-provoking "The Prophecy". The show, sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, remains on exhibit through Feb. 27.

A black and white expressionistic seascape is reminiscent of the terror inherent in Edward Munch's work. The men in "The Smoking Room" look like characters from a Ben Shahn print.

Along with the prints is a display of an actual carved woodblock, rice paper, and the wood on kitchen spoon. McCullough uses to hand-rub the prints. The display also tells about the process involved in the initial stages when the artist carves the design into birch plywood.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday to Friday.

Also of note:

Pottory by James Castiglione of Milford continues on exhibit through Feb. 26 in the Livonia Arts Commission's circular showcases on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington.

## CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT

Schoolcraft College's music department presents guitarist Stephen Aron noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

The public is invited to enjoy this free concert. For more information, call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

Aron's playing is clean, crisp and understated. He gets into the spirit of the music and gives interpretations that sing with vibrant rhythm, subtle color and a feeling of intimacy. This virtuoso performer and pedagogue has a unique repertoire and experience. An active participant in new music, Aron has premiered numerous works for guitar, marimba-guitar, and guitar-flute-percussion. He performs and records with soprano Jo Nell Aron. In addition to his position as professor of music and chairman of the guitar studies department at the University of Akron, Aron teaches guitar and is the founder of the classical guitar studies program at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

## OPENING RECEPTION

Madonna University features the work of its graduating seniors in a two-part art exhibit.

The public is invited to attend the free events.

The first show, opening with a reception 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, spotlights Deborah Loevasque of Redford; Brandi Parenti, Westland; Tanya Proctor, Farmington Hills; and Carol Bateman-Shepherd, Westland.

The show closes Tuesday, March 17.

At 6 p.m. Friday, March 20 the second exhibit opens with works by Andrew Dent of Dearborn; Shaun Hayward, Highland, and Michael Fochmars, Dearborn Heights.

The exhibits consist of various forms of art including commercial, art history pieces, portraits, and print making and will be held in the Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the Library Wing on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft (I-96) at Levan, Livonia.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 432-5711.

## MONET TOURS ADDED

Due to the popularity of "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point, the University of Michigan Museum of Art has enhanced its schedule of exhibition tours.

Sunday tours continue 2 p.m. Sundays through March 15 at the museum, 525 South State Street at South University, Ann Arbor. In addition tours will be given 7 p.m. Thursdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays. There will also be tours in French on noon Thursdays, March 5, 12. For the first time since leaving his studio more than a century



Gelsa Girl: McCullough created this woodcut print titled "A Dance in the Garden."

ago, the paintings of French Impressionist Claude Monet come together in an exhibition of works created during the most turbulent period of his life.

This is a ticketed exhibition,

advance tickets strongly recommended.

Tickets are \$6 adults; \$3 for non-U-M students, U-M faculty and staff, and senior citizens; free to Museum Friends, U-M students, and children under age 12, call (800) 585-3737. Even with advance tickets, there may be a wait at the entrance to the gallery. A limited number of tickets are available at the door, first-come, first-served basis.

Note: The Monet exhibition has broken every attendance record ever set at the University of Michigan Museum of Art. Weekends are particularly crowded. As the show concludes March 15, the museum expects even more visitors. The public is encouraged to come during the week, if at all possible. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 764-0395.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Art Museum Project at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is conducting a multi-media art competition, "Botanicals II: Florals and Landscapes by Michigan Artists." Deadline for slide entries is March 7.

Open to Michigan artists 18 years of age and older, the competition will be judged by Robert H. Wilbert, professor emeritus, Wayne State University. Two and three-dimensional works in various media will be accepted. Selected works will be on display at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Alfred Berkowitz Gallery May 16 to June 27 before traveling to the Slusser Gallery at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in July, and the University of Michigan-Flint in August. For entry information, call (313) 693-6058.

## Sign of the Beefcarver locations:

Allen Park  
Southfield Rd.  
(between Dix and Allen)  
02/11 at 2:30 PM  
02/18 at 2:30 PM  
02/25 at 2:30 PM  
03/04 at 2:30 PM

Bloomfield Hills  
Woodward Ave. (north of  
Square Lake Rd.)  
02/11 at 2:30 PM  
02/18 at 2:30 PM  
02/25 at 2:30 PM  
03/04 at 2:30 PM

Dearborn  
Michigan Ave.  
(east of Outer Drive)  
02/10 at 2:30 PM  
02/17 at 2:30 PM  
02/24 at 2:30 PM  
03/03 at 2:30 PM

## Med Max locations:

Farmington Hills  
02/02 at 1:00 PM  
02/09 at 1:00 PM  
02/14 at 11:00 AM  
02/16 at 1:00 PM  
02/23 at 1:00 PM

Orchard Lake  
02/02 at 1:00 PM  
02/09 at 1:00 PM  
02/14 at 11:00 AM  
02/16 at 1:00 PM  
02/23 at 1:00 PM

Taylor  
02/04 at 1:00 PM  
02/11 at 1:00 PM  
02/14 at 11:00 AM  
02/18 at 1:00 PM  
02/25 at 1:00 PM

## Other locations:

Farmington Hills  
Kerby's on Haggerty/8 Mile Rd.  
02/05 at 10:00 AM  
02/10 at 10:00 AM  
02/12 at 10:00 AM

02/17 at 10:00 AM  
02/19 at 10:00 AM  
02/24 at 10:00 AM  
02/26 at 10:00 AM

Southfield  
Big Boy Restaurant  
Grodan/Telegraph  
02/17 at 10:00 AM  
02/24 at 10:00 AM

## Macomb Hospital Center 12000 E. 12 Mile Rd., Warren

Executive Office Bldg. Auditoriums A and B (12 Mile Entrance)  
02/10 at 10:00 AM Auditorium A  
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02/24 at 10:00 AM Auditorium A  
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