

ART BEAT

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JUROR NAMED FOR PCCA EXHIBIT
Point Creek Center for the Arts has named Jan van der Marck as juror for the 1999 Celebrate Michigan Artists exhibition, to be held August 20-Sept. 12.

Jan van der Marck is a curatorial consultant at the Detroit Institute of Arts. He was chief curator at the DIA from 1986-1995.

Celebrate Michigan Artists will be installed in PCCA's main gallery. After the exhibit closes at PCCA, it will be reinstalled at DaimlerChrysler headquarters from Sept. 27-Nov. 6.

Celebrate Michigan Artists is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers and Standard Federal Bank.

WINNERS AT "CELEBRATE LIFE" ART SHOW

Suzanne Bauman's "The Bike Race" received Best of Show award at the 19th annual Celebrate Life art show, held at the Congregational Church of Birmingham.

The show runs through Sunday, June 20. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission is free.

Bauman of Bloomfield Hills was among nine winners selected from 158 artists.

Local artist who received recognition, included Rosemary Gratch of Bingham Farms for her fabric painting, "Sunday Best"; and, Laura Whitesides Host for her mixed work, "Rug Series: Toss Memories."

The show was juried by Tom Halsted, owner of the Haledale Gallery in Birmingham.

LOCAL ARTIST IN NYC EXHIBIT

The photography of Barbara

Abel of West Bloomfield has been selected in Viridian's 10th annual juried exhibit.

The annual show, juried by Susan Harris, assistant curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art, features works in all media by 27 artists.

The competition drew approximately 2,000 submissions from artists around the country.

FANCLUB DONATES FUNDS

Fanclub Foundation's 5th annual "Starry Nights" event, held May 20 at the Townsend Hotel, raised \$4,500.

The funds are earmarked for nine cultural organizations in metro Detroit. Recipients include

ed the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Summer Arts Program, Henry Ford Academy Greenfield Village, Hilberry Theatre Understudy Group, Michigan Opera Theatre's Community Outreach Program, Michigan Performing Arts Youthenthe, Orchard Children's Services After-School Arts program, Walled Lake Central High School National Arts Honor Society and Young Audiences of Michigan.

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED FOR GOVERNORS' AWARDS

All Michigan residents are invited to nominate artists, educators, civic leaders, organizations and others for the 1999

Governors Awards for Arts and Culture.

The statewide awards competition is sponsored by ArtServe Michigan. The awards honor individuals and organizations for significant creative achievement or outstanding local, regional or statewide contributions to Michigan's arts and cultural community.

Nominations are available at ArtServe's offices in Southfield, Grand Rapids and Lansing. Submit nominations by Tuesday, July 6.

For more information, call (248) 557-8288 or visit its Web site at <http://www.artserve-michigan.org>

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"It's fun, very different. I like the plot, everyone is being fooled by everyone else," said Booker, who lives in Commerce Township. Plague of Canton likes the closeness of the audience at the renovated, air-conditioned 1864 church in the Burgh where SRO presents its plays. The theater seats 75 people.

"We'll be talking to the audience; that's kind of different," said Hubel, a Plymouth resident. "It's like interactive theater. I hope it will be really entertaining."

The costumes are cool, and Nancy is always good at doing research."

Amann of Livonia took care to make sure the costumes she designed were authentic and did research at Greenfield Village. Joan Boufford, who lives next door to the park, is getting the props and crew together.

"It's a challenge, we'll be put to the test," she said. "It will be a fun way for people to learn about that time in history. It's a comedy, and a fun way to spend an

afternoon."

Harrower, a Southfield resident, researched the play, originally performed in New York City at Wallack's Theatre on 13th and Broadway.

"It was the golden age of American theater," she said. "It's a different style of acting. Feelings count more than thoughts. This piece was written to an afterpiece, something that was performed after the main drama. It's a well-made play; it has a beginning, middle and end."

War seems to bring people to the theater. In her research, Harrower discovered the Civil War had little effect on theater. "People seem to need it more," she said. "In the South, plays were presented at home. In the North there were established theaters. The South had music halls, but the shows presented were more in burlesque style, with music and some jokers."

"A Pretty Piece of Business" is just one of the many activities that will take place during the

weekend of living history. You can listen to Gen. William T. Sherman's speech on "Why the North is Right" or Sen. W.W. Boyce's speech on "Why the South is Right," walk through military encampments and talk to re-enactors, watch a skirmish between Union and Confederate soldiers, and shop in a Sutter's store for Civil War authentic reproductions and goods.

The Civil War re-enactment, Burgh village life, takes place 10

a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, June 20. There is no charge for admission.

The skirmish between Union and Confederate soldiers will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, and noon, on Sunday.

There will be no parking at the Burgh. Signs on Civic Center Drive will guide visitors to parking lots. There will be a free shuttle to the Burgh.

Artists enjoy 'Liberty' of showing their work at festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Jeff Guido had no qualms about closing the Shaw Guido Gallery last fall to devote himself to creating ceramics. Long before he directed the line-up of artists at the Hnbata/Shaw and Shaw Guido galleries, first in Farmington Hills, then in Pontiac, Guido oversaw the design and production of tiles at Pewabic Pottery for public art projects such as Detroit's People Mover Stations, and for use in commercial and residential applications.

Guido sparkles with enthusiasm at the mention of work he'll exhibit at the Liberty Fest Fine Art and Fine Craft Show June

19-20, in Canton.

Guido is joining a diverse group of exhibitors ranging from Kalen Erion, an emerging sculptor, to Mary Falzon, a secretary in the detective bureau of the Canton Public Safety department, who takes scenic photographs in her spare time.

Held under huge tents in Heritage Park, the outdoor art show is a new venue for Guido, who is currently wholesaling his work to galleries.

"It would really be nice to talk to the people and hear their reactions to my work," said Guido. "An artist works in a studio secluded from outside influences and opinions so it's always interesting to have feedback from others."

Guido made the decision to

What: A fine art and fine craft show, which features nearly 90 exhibitors, showing a variety of media including painting, sculpture, clay, photography, jewelry, blown glass, and garden art.

When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 20.

Where: Heritage Park, behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. For information, call Joyce Murphy, (734) 397-5395.

walk away from retailing nationally — known artists because ultimately he didn't want to spend the rest of his life "running a gallery." After more than ten years, Guido dove back into creating ceramics full-time at his Full Circle Studio in Dearborn.

"Even though working with national collectors and artists was enjoyable, I wanted to get back into the studio and do my

own work," said Guido. "I wanted to develop a line of slip cast objects: vessels, plates, bowls, candlestick holders, tiles. They're based on leaf and flower forms. I started with tiles and now have 40 designs, free form shapes inspired by nature, with

thick mass and weight to them."

After hours

Like Guido, Falzon's inspiration comes from nature and architecture. Her photographs of lighthouses, barns and architecture from Maine to Michigan and Florida capture the beauty of frequently visited vacation spots.

Falzon doesn't claim to be a professional photographer. She never planned to be the one taking all of the family "pictures" but her six brothers, sister, mom and dad recognized and encouraged her talent.

Through the years, she devel-

oped a love for lighthouses. She'll bring several images of the historic structures including the Point Iroquois on Lake Superior, and Cape Neddick in York, Maine to the booth she is sharing with her co-worker Valerie Greenhills.

"Something just captures my eye and then I focus on it," said Falzon, who worked at the West Bloomfield police department before coming to Canton six years ago. "I love the lighthouses. They're usually quite a drive from the coast, and that can get tricky especially in winter but they're usually pretty and have a history and romance about them."

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Presents ... AMERICAN SKY EXHIBITION & 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION Saturday, July 3 from 7-11PM

FIREWORKS

10 PM - Presented at Lincoln Hills Golf Course and viewed from the BBAC.

SMARTBUS SHUTTLE RIDES

6:45 - 11:15 PM - Running from Seaholm High School and Groves High School to the BBAC

ART ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

7-8 PM - Silk scarf painting - bring home a beautiful hand-painted scarf!
8-9 PM - Make Origami boxes or patriotic mobiles!
9-10 PM - Be creative with Fun Plastic to make key chains, necklaces, pins, or anything else!

ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

7-10 PM - Ceramics (raku and wheel throwing), printmaking (color monotype), oil painting, stained glass, sculpture, as well as an overview of Julia Cameron's best-selling book, *The Artist's Way*.

MUSIC

7-8:30 PM - The Birmingham Straw Hat Band
9-11 PM - Sean Blackman Jazz Band

ATHENS CONEY ISLAND

7-8:30 PM - Will be serving Coney Islands, hot dogs, chicken gyros, chili, greek salad, pita bread, and chips. Lemonade, iced tea and a variety of desserts will also be served.

* There will be a cash bar for pop, beer and wine purchases.

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