

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County area news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 691-7279.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Grass Roots Gallery is looking for three-dimensional art to fill its showcases at the Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

If you work in clay, glass, metal or whatever, give Shirley a call at (248) 478-1160.

ACTOR'S WORKSHOP

Gordon Michaels, personal acting coach for Dylan McDermott on "The Practice," will give an actor's workshop 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, June 22-24 at Genitt's in Northville.

The cost is \$250. For information or to register, call (734) 261-5354 or (313) 727-2393.

Michaels works as many as 16 hours a day, Monday-Friday, on the set of "The Practice," seen 10 p.m. Sundays on WXYZ-TV Channel 7. A graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, Michaels studied theater at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York City.

He'll pass on tips on how to successfully audition for stage or screen no matter what your age. In addition to covering the foundations of acting, Michaels will offer advice on cold reading scripts and presenting the "right" head shot at an audition. Bottom line - if you want to become a successful actor, you have to pass the audition.

Michaels should know what it takes to land jobs in the entertainment industry. He spent seven years on the stages of New York before moving to L.A. where he acted in films such as "The Lost World," "Air Force One," and "Texas Rangers."

GLASS ART SHOW

The Michigan Hot Glass Gallery hosts a student show and sale Saturday, June 16 to Saturday, June 30 on the second floor of 1804 Clay Avenue, Detroit.

An opening reception to meet the artists as well as watch glass blowing demonstrations takes place 6-10 p.m. Saturday, June 16. Student glass blowing demonstrations continue 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 17.

For more information, call the gallery at (313) 871-1798.

ART IN THE SUN

Northville comes alive with color for the annual art show "Art in the Sun" 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 16-17. Now in its 13th year, the fair features more than 135 artists from all over the U.S.

For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7840 or visit the Web site at www.northville.org.

POLISH HISTORY LECTURE

Greg Kowalski, a member of the Hamtramck Historical Society, will discuss the history of the Polish Settlement in Hamtramck at a meeting of the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 16 at Zak Library, 2360

Caniff Avenue, east of I-75, Hamtramck.

Admission is free. For more information, call Ken Merique at (313) 882-9078.

FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth Community Chorus is accepting orders for the 2002 Entertainment Books which offer 50 percent discounts at restaurants, theaters, car washes and sporting events in addition to discounts on cruises, plane fares and car rentals. For every book ordered by Aug. 1, the purchaser will receive a free Value Book.

The cost is \$30. Proceeds will help fund the chorus' educational and charitable activities. Call (734) 469-6829.

SITES AND SCENES OF MICHIGAN

The Livonia Arts Commission presents the photography of Lawrence Diggs through Saturday, June 30 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road.

The 47 images on display include city scenes and scenic vistas. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call Livonia's community resources department at (734) 466-2636.

SUMMER DAYS

Marilyn Wolff's exhibition of summer porches and little boys playing in the woods continues through Saturday, June 30 at Framing Corner, 27825 Seven Mile, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

Wolff's 15 years of watercolor studies yield rich, vibrant works



Summer days: This watercolor collage of summertime fun was painted by Marilyn Wolff, a Farmington artist exhibiting at the Framing Corner in Livonia.

that make viewers long for the days of summer. Wolff's profession as a registered nurse at Providence Medical Center in Farmington Hills more than likely has influenced these sensitive and sentimental scenes. But see for yourself.

Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday, until 7 p.m. Thursday, and till 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Ruth Yheulon at (248) 777-1442.

OPENING RECEPTION

Meet Redford sculptor Sergio De Giusti at a reception to open an exhibit of his figurative reliefs 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 15 at the Kruel Art Center, 707 Lake Boulevard, Saint Joseph.

The show continues to Sunday, Aug. 5.

SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM

The Ann Arbor Art Center is offering a new Creative Arts Program for teens this summer. Designed for ages 13-18, the two-week art course focuses on creating art work for the community. Design and decorate art cars, learn the art of photography,

design and install a tile mural for the Senior Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, and create sculptures with recycled materials for public installation.

Individual workshops begin Monday, June 25 and run through August. To register or for information, call (734) 994-8004, ext. 101 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

WATERCOLOR AWARDS

Award winners for the 54th Annual Michigan Water Color Society Exhibition were recently announced at Meadow Brook Art Gallery, located on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

Winners include:

- Karen Halpern of Bloomfield Hills
- Donald Mendelson of Southfield
- Katherine Harra Miller of Beverly Hills
- Darcy Scott of West Bloomfield
- Electra Stamelos of Livonia
- Deborah Friedman of West Bloomfield
- Lori Zurvalet of Grosse Pointe

Their artwork is on display at

the gallery through June 16. For more information, call (734) 427-9676 or (248) 352-3973.

STUDENT AND FACULTY ART SHOW

The Student and Faculty Art Show at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, which runs through June 23, will showcase the work of those who have taught or taken classes during the past year. The show includes more than 200 entries of paintings, photography, clay pieces, drawings and mixed media works.

For more information, call PCAA at (248) 651-4110. The Center is located at 407 Pine in Rochester.

POETRY ART NIGHT

Millford Village Fine Arts Association brings their traveling show, Poetry Art Night (PAN) to the Oakland County Galleria.

Largely a watercolor and pastel exhibit, the unique show incorporates original poetry into the display of works through June 30.

The gallery is located on the second floor of the Executive Offices Building, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. For more information, call (248) 859-0415.

Actor's workshop: Gordon Michaels (left), personal acting coach for Dylan McDermott on "The Practice," will give an actor's workshop June 22-24 in Northville.



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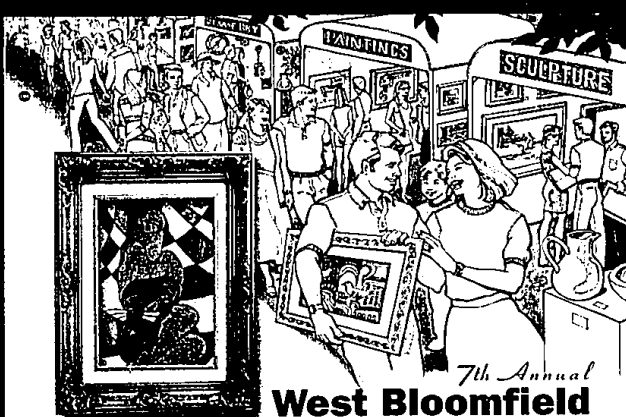


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