

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

AWARD WINNER

Canton artist Connie Lucas received a cash award for her painting "I Dream of Africa" in the 40th annual national juried exhibition "Watercolor U.S.A. 2001" at the Springfield Art Museum in Missouri.

The exhibit held annually at the art museum is open to artists age 18 or older who live in the U.S. or its possessions. This year 578 artists from 47 states submitted 1066 water-media art works for consideration. The judge was Daniel Siedell, curator of the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

ART CLASS

The Art Gallery/Studio is offering art classes beginning July 10 at 29948 Ford Road in Garden City.

Canton artist Kay Rowe will be teaching watercolor on textured paper beginning 8-9 p.m. Monday, July 10. Margaret Connoy will teach watercolor starting 1-4 p.m. Thursday, July 19.

To register or for information, call Norma McQueen at (734) 261-0379 or the gallery at (734) 513-4044.

MURAL UNVEILING

Ten art students from Wayne County schools will have fond memories of Detroit's 300th anniversary. As contributing artists, their names will be inscribed on a mural commissioned in honor of Detroit's tricentennial celebration via Wayne RESA's Artist in Residence Project. The art work will be unveiled 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 at Wayne RESA's Education Center in Wayne.

The Artist in Residence Project, developed by Wayne RESA arts consultant Victoria Holley-Foster, offers an opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to win \$1,000 scholarships to participate in the production of the mural. Students had to submit a photograph or original work and two letters of recommendation to be considered for the scholarship which covered fees and expenses, including filed trips to sites throughout the city to conduct research to develop the mural.

CHILDREN'S PHOTO CONTEST

Star Theatre Rochester Hills is holding several events for families and their canine/feline

friends in conjunction with the opening of "Cats and Dogs" Wednesday, July 4. From noon to 4 p.m. July 4, July 7 and July 8, canines and their companions from Leader Dogs for the Blind will be guests at the theater. Trainers will answer any questions about training Leader Dogs as well as provide reading and viewing materials about the dogs.

Beginning Tuesday, July 10 the theater will host a photo contest of kids and their cats and dogs. Children (age 12 and under) should bring in their favorite photos to be displayed in the lobby of the theater. Entries must be submitted by Monday, July 9. Theater-goers will vote for the best photo July 10-16. Prizes include movie passes, popcorn, drinks and more.

The Star Theatre Rochester Hills is at 200 Barclay Circle, off Rochester Road, one-half mile north of M-59.

WRITING SEMINAR

Are you tired of writer's block? Need inspiration to pick up a pen and start writing, or some tips that will help you craft a story?

Cheryl Vatcher can help you during a writing seminar 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30 at the Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The cost is \$38.

Coming up with ideas is easier than you think. If you've already formulated a story and want to work on it, Vatcher will help you do that. Vatcher, a Plymouth writer who earned a master's degree from University of Michigan's School of Education, has penned articles for several metro Detroit newspapers. For more information or to register, call (734) 414-8680.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The Plymouth Community Arts Council continues its Music in the Park series with Chautauqua Express noon Wednesday, June 27 in Kellogg Park, Main Street, between Ann Arbor Trail, and Pennington, Plymouth.

Can't make that date? The music continues July 11 with Matt Watroba and Robert Jones, July 19 Josh White, Jr., July 26 Liberty Brass Quintet (members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra), Aug. 1 The Music Lady Beverly Meyer, Aug. 8 Laz of Gemini, Aug. 15 Chautauqua Express, and Aug. 16 Marc Thomas & Max the Moose.

For more information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Canton Project Arts, the township's official arts organization, is looking for entries for its ninth

annual Fine Arts Exhibition to be held Oct. 6-12 at Summit on the Park, Canton.

Local and regional artists will compete for \$1,800 in prizes. Artists must submit slides of their fine art for judging by Kenneth Gross, director of the Art Museum Project and the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. All media will be accepted.

Deadline for application is Aug. 28. Call Debbie Bradley at (734) 394-5193 for an application or information.

MICHIGAN YOUTH THEATER

For youth interested in honing theater skills or finding out more about the stage, the Michigan Youth Theater workshop 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 28-29 provides just the ticket. Students age 7-15 will be able to learn more about make-up, costumes, directing, improvisation, and more at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

The cost is \$25 per day or \$40 for both days. For registration information, call Farmington Hills Special Services Department at (248) 473-1800.

A highlight of the June 28 workshop is a stage-fighting session conducted by Ring of Steel which boasts 17 film credits including the movie "Hook." Students will not only watch realistic fighting techniques but learn them.

The Michigan Youth Theater is a touring company of actors, ages 7-17. Originally formed to present the works of Shakespeare, the group recently branched out to other repertoire. They can be seen yearly at the Michigan Renaissance festival.

ARTISTS WANTED

Organizers of the Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at North Farmington High School (Saturday, Nov. 17) are seeking exhibitors. This is a juried show, no manufactured goods. Items most wanted are pottery, silk and dried flowers, baskets, candles, photography (other than Detroit), paintings, wood shelves, or anything unusual.

For more information, call Diane at (248) 553-0913.

POETS RECITE WORKS

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in conjunction with Cave Canem presents An Evening of Poetry Thursday, June 28 featuring Detroit natives Toi Derricotte, Cornelius Eady and Sonia Sanchez.



Award winner: This painting by Connie Lucas won an award in the national juried exhibition "Watercolor U.S.A. 2001."

The reading will take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the museum's Latimer Café Patio or the Ford Freedom Rotunda in inclement weather.

Admission is \$10. For more information, call (313) 494-5800.

UNIQUE WINDOWS

The two Jerusalem windows at the entrance of the Dofay Sanctuary of Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills have been selected windows of the month for June 2001 in the Michigan Stained Glass Census.

The windows represent the old Jerusalem and the new Jerusalem and were designed by Barry Bernstein of Virtu Studios in Southfield and installed in

1979.

The Michigan Stained Glass Census is a statewide survey of architectural stained glass coordinated by the Michigan State University Museum. It is an ongoing project to encourage individuals and groups to better appreciate and preserve the stained glass treasures in their own communities.

GALLERY EVENT

The Oakland County Galleria will host the mixed-media, mixed-approach work of Creative Arts Council July 3-Aug. 24.

The gallery, which is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, is located on the second floor of the Executive Offices Building, 1200

N. Telegraph. For more information, call (248) 858-0415.

STUDENT ATTENDS INTERLOCHEN

Andrew Pullen, 14, of Royal Oak will attend Interlochen Arts Camp.

The son of Barbara Bennett, Pullen is also a member of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony and will study the string bass at the camp.

Interlochen offers intensive training in creative writing, dance, music, theater arts and visual arts. For admissions information, call (231) 276-7472 or online at www.interlochen.org.

Brunch with Bach series continues at DIA

The Detroit Institute of Arts continues its Brunch with Bach series Sunday, July 8 with Detroit pianist Mr. B and French pianist Philippe Lejeune for a boogie woogie celebration of Detroit's 300th birthday.

Presented in the museum's Kresge Court, seating begins 20 minutes prior to the 11:30 a.m. concert. Seat assignments are based on the date tickets were purchased.

Tables for two can be requested, but availability is limited.

Concert tickets are \$22 for adults, \$11 for children under 12, and include a hot entree,

breakfast breads, coffee/tea and juice. Fruit plates and non-dairy entrees are available, but must be requested when ordering tickets.

Tickets for concert-only, stair-well seating are \$5. Museum admission is included (excluding special exhibitions). Tickets may be purchased by calling (313) 833-4005.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is at 5200 Woodward Ave. in the University Cultural Center. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. the first Friday

of each month. For more information call (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

Here's the rest of the schedule: ■ Sunday, Aug. 12 - Notre Dame Trio; music by W.A. Mozart, Benjamin Britten and Ludwig van Beethoven. ■ Sunday, Sept. 9 - Woodland Trio; music by Jean-Philippe Rameau, Carl Nielsen, Camille Saint-Saens and Maurice Ravel. ■ Sunday, Oct. 14 - Richard Pippio, cello, and Jacqueline Courgai-Semitt, piano; music by Sergey Rachmaninov and Manuel de Falla.

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AUG. 10 AT 8 P.M. TCHAIKOVSKY SPECTACULAR Giancarlo Guerrero, conductor James Tocco, piano	AUG. 11 AT 8 P.M. TCHAIKOVSKY SPECTACULAR Giancarlo Guerrero, conductor James Tocco, piano	AUG. 12 AT 7:30 P.M. MARVIN HAMLISCH

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