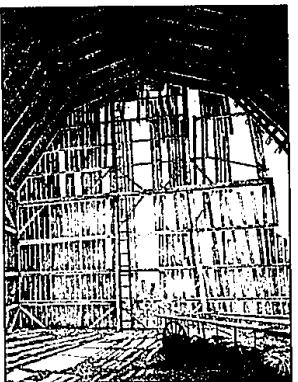


ART BEAT

Final days: A one-man show of West Bloomfield artist Jim Patterson's watercolor paintings continues to Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. For information, call (734) 466-2536.

Pictured is "Cathedral Shadows," one of the featured watercolors by Patterson.



Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send arts news to Art Beat, Attn: Linda Chomin, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, fax them to (734) 591-7279, or e-mail to (a text file) to lchomin@oc.homecomm.net.

PUPPETS GO TO OZ

Pippin Puppets present *Munchkin Holiday* 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 26-27, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15186 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile.

Tickets are \$5. Call (313) 531-0554.

FLAMENCO NIGHT

The progressive Flamenco troupe Fire Rose opens for Dame Maria Del Carmen's Grupo Espana Flamenco Dance Troupe 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman in Plymouth.

For tickets, call (734) 667-8318; for information, (734) 264-0201.

FIRE ROSE combines traditional Flamenco music and dance forms with elements of jazz, rock, Afro-Cuban, and New Age music.

JAZZ CONCERT

Paul Kuller's eight-piece ensemble plays music for a Pre-Mardi Gras Party 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Monaghan Hall in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia.

There will be room for dancing so call early to reserve tickets (\$12). Call (248) 476-2674.

UPCOMING BENEFIT

Denim and diamonds is the theme of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner dance and auction Saturday, March 2, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth.

Tickets are \$75, \$65 for members. Call (734) 416-4278. All proceeds from the benefit support arts council programming.

The glitzy, western-themed evening will feature dinner, dancing, entertainment, live and silent auctions of fine artworks, travel packages and merchandise from local businesses.

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VSA arts of Michigan is looking for professional artists who

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Qualified artists will be trained to work with students at an Artist-in-Residence Training Institute to take place at the R.A. MacMullan Conference Center of Higgins Lake in Roscommon June 16-18. Following training VSA arts of Michigan will provide work for artists in artist-in-residence programs in K-12 schools throughout the state.

Interested artists should send resumes to Artist-in-Residence Initiative, VSA arts of Michigan, 51 West Hancock, Detroit, MI 48201. For more information, call (313) 832-3503 or send e-mail to vsam@ic.net.

Chomin

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"The show is interactive and I leave myself open to discussions," said Chomin. "When I ask members of the audience if they misbehaved, people stand up like crazy. I can't believe they'd want to admit it. But we have a lot of fun. I give out prizes such as holy cards, the baseball cards of the Catholic church. They ask, 'does it get warm wearing a habit?' You think it's easy lugging around 20 pounds of gabardine? This isn't a fashion decision."

Fun evening

Nancy Coumoundouros isn't a Catholic but she finds *Late Nite Catechism* funny because she works with Catholics in the cultural arts department for the cities of Farmington Hills/Farmington. Ironically, her offices were formerly owned by the Sisters of Mercy.

"We're looking forward to a fun evening," said Coumoundouros, cultural arts coordinator. "When we conducted a community survey three years ago, one of the things it revealed was people wanted to see live performances, so when we programmed our Concerts at the Costick series last year we decided to try live theater. It's a challenge because we don't have a public auditorium but the response has been overwhelming to the series."

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call *Observer & Eccentric* reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oc.homecomm.net

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