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Arbor every year for the last 2 5 and still admire the creativity found in the four fairs. Linda, an artist, and Harvey, a Livonia dentist, arrived at 10-15 a.m. and planned to stay until about 7 p.m. but were taking a break at Rendezvous.

"We're here as tourists," said Zalla, who had a show at Exhibit A Gallery in Exhibit A Gallery in Brimingham before it closed. She has exhibited in many galleries and has work in the collection of the City of Livonia. On Sept. 25, Zalla lectures on the psychology of color at Temple Beth El in West Bloomfeld.

Temple Beth El in West Bloomfeld.

Think it's important to support artists. First a work has to get my attention, be riveting, something high quality, and then it's a personal tour live without that."

that.

Cat lovers were going crazy at
Alice Frank's booth. The West
Bloomfield artist mixes media
such as enamel and metal to
create whimsical felines and peeple" displayed in acrylic oxes.

boxes.
Frank most recently exhibited her work in Fine Art at Meadow Brook.
T like to make people smile, said Frank. "We need more time in our life to smile. I donate a portion of the proceeds to the homeless, I call my creations my peeple. Every creations my peeple. Every peeple needs a home."

You could tell Frank was having a good time telling visitors about her work.

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The Ann Arbor Art Fairs are very vibrant and kinetic, said Frank, and you hope you can live through the four days. Stan Megdall was wondering how he could make it through those same four days with half his glass art being stolen the day before. (See related story). A real trooper, the West Bloomfield artist dug up some of the work he had around the house to sell in Ann Arbor. But his new figurative work was what he'd hope to introduce to fair-goers.

what hed hope to introduce of fair-goers. There's no doubt he'll be blowing a lot of glass to prepare for his next eight shows includ-ing Art, Beats & Eats Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 in Pontiac (call (248) 334-4600) and the Spotlight

Art Show to benefit Meadow Brook Theatre Sept. 6-8 in downtown Rochester.

downtown Rochester.
For more information about
the Spotlight show held in conjunction with Art & Apples, call
(850) 781-2744.
"I'm staying in the very
mode," said Megdall who earlier found it hard to talk because
of his loss but couldn't resist
the subject that's become his
life's work.

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"I'm sticking with figurative,

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Thieves nab artist's glass works from trailer at annual art fairs

Stan Megdall wasn't having a good morning on opening day of the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, Half of the West Bloomfield Half of the West Bloomfield artist's work was in his red Cargo Mate trailer which was stolen some time between Tuesday evening July 16 and Wednesday womning July 17. It was padlocked and chained to the telephone post in front of his glass blowing studio on Michigan Avenue between Ridge and Ford roads in Yyssilanti.

Ridge and Fort roads in Ypsilanti. Megdall has eight more shows to go after Ann Arbor including Arts, Beats & Eats on Labor Day weekend, in Pontiac, the Spotlight Art Show Sept. 6-8 in Rochester, and the Holiday Art Fair presented by the Michigan Guldi of Artists & Artisans Nov. 2-3, at Oakland

Community College in Farmington Hills.
A graduate of Center for Creative Studies, Negdall creates large glass bowls, Megdall vases, paperweights, perfume bottles, flowers, and figurative-like sculptural vessels which he exhibited at an invitational in April at Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the Jewish Community Center in West Blacomfield.

April at Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

This was his third time in the State Street Art Fair but he's exhibited regularly for years in the Summer Art Fair presented by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans.

I lost three months of work, aid Megdall who supports his wife Debbie and three children with his art. Debbie and Megdall work as a team to do the shows. She valued the contents of the trailer at \$15,000

and reported the insurance company will only cover the cost of materials not the retail value of the art.

"Stan has been working so hard to build inventory," said Debbie who's been doing the fairs side-by-side with Megdall for 12 years.

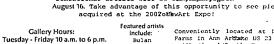
Blowing glass is no easy task especially during summer.

Working in front of a furnace heated to more than 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit while forming each piece is physically exhausting.

If you have information about the 8- by 10- foot Cargo Mate with a side entry door and vent on the top (license plate R0282) or the glass art inside, call Officer Farst of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at (734) 971-8400, ext. 7043.







Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bulan Chretien

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