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■ Circus at Chene

UniverSoul Circus, an African-American owned and operated venture, brings a new show to Chene Park, 2600 East Atwater in Detroit this weekend. The circus



includes acts from around the world and unlike other circuses, offers messages about self-empowerment, respect for others and education.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Sept. 7; 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; and noon, 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Sept. 22. Tickets, \$14-\$37.50 for children and \$16.50-\$40 for adults. (248) 645-6666.

■ Detroit festival

Listen to the funky sounds of The Brothers Groove 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the 25th annual Dally in the Alley, a festival of food, continuous music (on four stages), and art in an area bounded by Hancock, Third, Prentiss and Second, in Detroit.

A food court, music stage and area for political discourse will be set on Forest, which runs between Third and Second.

The event, which also includes live graffiti art, a kid's fair, fashion show and film show runs 11 a.m.-11 p.m. (313) 363-2170 or dallyinthealley.net on the Internet.

■ Remember 9/11

Photographer Ameen Howari will sign lithograph copies of his photograph.



Remember Always, from 11 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, Sept. 11, in Parisian Court at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The first 175 shoppers who visit will receive a free signed print. Remember Always representatives will be on hand for shoppers who want framed prints.

■ Down on the farm

Find out more about your favorite farm animals at Calling all Critters, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at Kensington Metropark near Milford. To register call (800) 477-3178.

Award-winning artists

Livonia Arts Commission spotlights best in southeast Michigan

BY LINDA AMN CHOMIN
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Stephanie Skaggs rushes to the back of the gallery to retrieve the colored pencil portrait that won an award in the 6th annual Fine Arts Exhibition opening Sept. 6, on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The Livonia Arts Commissioner beams with pride as she points out some of the realistic, abstract and surreal works by the 51 artists. Choosing 67 paintings, drawings and sculptures from 178 slides was no easy task for juror Donna Vogelheim.

Not to be missed is Carman Enriquez' *Late Afternoon*. The Farmington Hills artist created a colored pencil portrait of an old man weathered by time.

Captive King resembles Percival, a lion who now lives at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak after being rescued from a Detroit crack house where he was used as a "guard dog." Michiel Kucharski makes the king of the

beasts every bit as regal as if he were living amidst a pride.

Judy Enright paints a tropical paradise complete with lions and a monkey. *The Jungle* is in sharp contrast to her *Heavenly Sophia*, a surreal blue and white painting of a woman with two miniature horses on leashes - and a dove in each hand.

"Some of the pieces are very large," said Skaggs who co-chaired the exhibition with Sara Dikens, "and there's such a variety."

Skaggs admits the arts commission-sponsored exhibition took "a lot of work." All of its activities do. In addition to the annual Fine Arts Exhibition, the 12-member group presents the Livonia Arts & Crafts



Farmington Hills artist Carman Enriquez created a portrait of an old man weathered by time. It is one of 67 works in a Livonia Arts Commission exhibition.

Festival at Greenmond Historical Village in June, the Music Under the Stars series in summer, and three shows a month at the library and Livonia City Hall. The commission also helps support the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and Livonia Youth Choir with grants plus awards \$1,500 in scholarships to high school seniors - and sponsors noon time concerts at the library. It would be nice to divide the work load but right now the arts commission is three members short. The only criteria for joining the group is that applicants must live in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 466-2490.

"It's nice to see something come to fruition," said Skaggs who's been a commissioner for the last 12 years. "I like to be involved with the community and working with commissioners. The arts give a good community sense that this is a good place to live. I like meeting the artists. Artists are interesting people."

Nancy Hurd is one of those artists Skaggs and the rest of the commissioners are lucky to know. The Livonia resident doesn't let her battle with Parkinson's stop her from creating colored pencil drawings of people and animals or visiting the Detroit Zoo. As an artist, Hurd loves the flamingoes. Their bright salmon color allows her the "opportunity to get bright."



Nancy Hurd colored these flamingoes bright after a visit to the Detroit Zoo.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION SHOWS

■ 5th annual Fine Arts Exhibition featuring 51 artists Sept. 6-28, in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road

■ Fall Into Art, an exhibit by the Colored Pencil Society of America, Chapter #104 continues to Sept. 27, in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road. For more information about either show, call (734) 466-2490

"I've been doing a lot of art but I'm slower than I used to be because of Parkinson's," said Hurd.

The disease hasn't slowed her down that much. Hurd recently created a work especially for Children's Hospital in Detroit. She modestly says, the kids have it worse than she does besides "it was fun and I'm glad to do it."

In between producing art, Hurd travels from show to show exhibiting it. She was in the Animal, Vegetable

PLEASE SEE ARTISTS, B2

Arts groups unite in memory of Sept. 11 victims

Like the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in November of 1963, none of us will ever forget where we were when the first plane hit the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

I was in the main office of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in Livonia writing a fun story about Frank Gershin and Dick Van Patten coming to town in *The Sunshine Boys* after interviewing them the day before in Dearborn. Suddenly that all changed as reporters and editors rushed to watch a small television in the newsroom. Some of my co-workers were certain this tragedy was no accident. Then a plane crashed into the second structure and we all knew we were under attack.

It's hard to believe a year has passed since the event that changed our lives forever. We've all coped with our pain in

different ways. Some sent money for the families of the more than 2,700 victims. Artists turned to paint and music then just as they're doing on Wednesday, Sept. 11. The arts community has always rallied to help with the healing so it comes as no surprise that a number of organizations have planned concerts and activities.

The Detroit Institute of Arts opens its doors as a way to draw the community together for reflection. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. five Detroit-area poets will read works on themes related to Sept. 11.

Soprano Audrey Luna performs as well and it's all free.

In the suburbs, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra premieres Pamela Conn's choral work *Children of the Earth* at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Downtown at the Detroit Opera



Pamela Conn wrote the lyrics and music for *Children of the Earth*. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra premieres the work on Sept. 11.

House, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and a choir of more than 200 voices unite for Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. David Chang's sung the work before and thinks it's particularly fitting. The Rochester Hills resident is coordinating the four Asian-American choirs - Korean Presbyterian Church of Metro Detroit Choir in Southfield; Trillium, the Japan Society of Detroit Women's Chorus (Southfield); White Pine Glee Club (Bloomfield Hills), and the Michigan Chinese Choir of Troy which Chang directs. Joining them will be the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club, Brazen Dendard Chorus, Wayne State University Symphonic Chorus, and the Highland Park Baptist Church of Southfield Chancel Choir. The four

PLEASE SEE CHOMIN, B2

SEPT. 11 COMMEMORATIVE

CONCERTS

■ Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with principal guest conductor Ilzhak Perlman 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. Tickets are \$20-\$80. Call (313) 576-5111

■ Plymouth Symphony Orchestra premieres Pamela Conn's *Children of the Earth* 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial at Beck, Plymouth. Admission is free thanks to the generosity of Canton Township's Project Arts, City of Plymouth Commissioners, and Plymouth Township. Call (734) 451-2112

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