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A total of 11 different designs will be on the auction block including this impostor bear.

PALOOZA

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to be retouched. The Southfield artist originally spent 30 days painting Detroit icons on the bear. She said she "wouldn't miss that auction for anything."

"I thought I'd never see this bear back," said Kashdan. "I put several conts of lacquer over it. Apparently he was very user-friendly and kids climbed all over and chipped the paint and left scuff marks.

"He should be out in a public place," said Kashdan. "The theme is so Detroit. He should be inside Cobo Hall or Joe Louis Arena or the Children's Museum, or Detroit Historical Museum. There's icons of the Detroit Science Center, DIA, Detroit Opera House all over him. He would be perfect at the entrance of the tunnel. I'd like to see him in a place where someone could walk around and see the details all around. I'm a Detroit area booster and wanted to make it shout with the color of the city. I put my heart into it. I wanted it to reflect the energy of the city."

McGannon says the bears can be used just about anywhere. WJBK Fox 2, sponsor of one of the bears, designed theirs around a weather theme. This Barometer is a giant mosaic with a weather gauge in the center of its chest. There are car-related bears, a star-spangled bear, shopper bear, and an impostor bear painted as a zebra. There's even a signed Red Wings bear created by Prop Art Studio in Detroit. A total of 11 different designs will be on the auction block. Artist Judy Ross' Glacial Glitz is elegant enough to go in an all-white room. The glass tile bear was sponsored by Pulte Homes. Stagecrafters, Chevrolet Motor Division, law firms Cardelli, Hebert & Lanfear and John R. Monnich, and Schostak Bros. & Co. all paid between $4,000 to $5,000 to sponsor bears. Post Bars and Build-a-Bear Workshop chose to keep theirs off the auction block.

"They can be used for really large lawn ornaments, for businesses inside and out," said McGannon. "It's public art. I've researched what's happened in several cities which have done these projects. There's a moose in the middle of the mall in Toronto. In Toledo, Ohio, the frogs are still outside businesses. There's 100 of these launched in cities this year alone – dogs in New York City, guitars in Cleveland, elephants and donkeys in Washington, D.C.

"Organizations could use them to enhance decor. They could be used in public libraries, restaurants and bars. I for one definitely want to go to the auction. I can picture a bear in the corner of my dining room or in the garden. I bought my home from a horticulturist and I can see it somewhere with the gingko tree and hemlock."

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

Inkster girl wins Palooza contest

Lauren Gallant's a winner. The nine-year-old Inkster girl responded to the Observer & Eccentric's Polar Palooza contest, which asked readers to submit photographs of themselves with one of the polar bear sculptures on display at the zoo, along with a short essay telling why they like the art.

She won two adult and two child zoo passes, along with a parking pass.

Lauren submitted several photos of the bears, which were taken on a family outing to the Detroit Zoo with her grandmother, Mary Lou Woodward, her aunt, Beth Gallant and cousins Tanner Gallant, 11 and Jordan Gallant, 7.

"We went to the concert they had and spent the day at the zoo. The kids loved the bears, Lauren in particular because she loves art," Woodward said.

"My daughter, Kathy (Goll) is a teacher in Northville. She keeps us informed of all the different things Lauren can do."

After her aunt Kathy mentioned the contest, Lauren headed to the zoo with camera in hand.

Who'll benefit from the free passes? Maybe Lauren's dad, Tom Gallant, a meat department manager at a Dearborn market. Or her grandmother.

The Tourist Bear, sporting images of Detroit, seems to give contest winner, Lauren Gallant of Inkster, a great big bear hug.

"She'll need a driver," Woodward laughed anticipating a return visit to the zoo with her granddaughter.

Here's what Lauren wrote for the contest:

"The Gallant family took a vote and we like — no, love — the Motown (*Tourist*) Bear the best. The artist of this bear had to draw many, many colorful pictures of many different things. This was amazing to us because we like to draw, especially me, and I know how long it takes to do one picture. This bear was covered with great pictures of so many important things about Detroit. I remember seeing the Woodward Cruise, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit Free Press, Red Wings, Pistons, Tigers, Detroit Institute of Arts, the People Mover and my favorite, the polar bear from the Detroit Zoo.

I hope that if they have an auction and raise money from the sale of the bears that the money will go to care for the animals, especially the animals at the zoo. We love the Detroit Zoo. I would like to work with animals when I grow up. I also like to write stories and draw pictures. This is mainly why I think that whoever did the (*Tourist*) Bear deserves a prize.

Our second favorite was the *Great Pretender*, the impostor bear who looks like a zebra."