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Producers are still tooking for donations to put on Cry Dignity, a play about the stigma of mental kiness Feb. 14-15 and 20-21, at Trinity House Theatre in Livania, Pictured are actors Sherri Rushman (left), Matt Ripper, Gregory Orr, and Megan Wright before a rehearsal of the play by Laura Gumina, a long time actress and director in the area. For more information or to help, call Sue Kennedy at (248) 668-3410.

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here," said Cynar, a Birmingham resident. "I try to keep it fun, fresh and light. I tried to make it affordable so people could find something in their price range. We have everything from clay to glass, Bevery! Upton's silk and wool decorative dress

Don Schneider created this glass pendant in time for a Thanksgiving a end of discounts at York Street Glassworks in Plymouth.

and wood decorative dress scares.

Why do I buy art for family and friends? I know it's made by an artist in the area. It's a lit-tle more special if it is by any artist, Businesses come in and buy art because there are only so many gift baskets you can eat. And ornaments can be put util-year-round:

If you're not in hollday spirit yet, drop by Rochester 6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, for lagniappe, the Creole word for a little bit of something.

Merchants will stay open late and Paint Creek is one of 12 galleries involved with a craw! at The Community House by Ferdinand Hampson of Habatat Gallerics in

Birmingham.
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Ruth Price promises visitors they'll find the holiday spirit in all shapes and colors at the Village Potters Guild Show 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fiday, Dec. 6, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at 340 N. Main behind Dunleavy's Grill in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 207-8807. Twenty-two of the members offer non-functional and functional ware ranging in pricing ents for their children. Frices range from \$5 to \$7,000. What's special is we're generally not open to the public. This is the only time of year we sell them."

NATIVE WEST GALLERY "There's a lot of Christmas leaves on coasters and mugs Native West's open all year lots of snowmen, some religious items, lots of ornaments," said Price, who will have raku stars in different sizes for use as wall hangings or to place on a table

tional ware ranging in price from \$2 to \$100

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

hangings or to place on a table with greenery.
This show brings out the holiday shoppers. They buy gifts for family and friends, not on much for themselves. They say "Mary'd like this."
Holly plates were popular last year as well as trays with snowmen. Large bowls and platters always sell. People return every year. They love to see the dirt in the back room, where you filer. They like to see where you fire. They like to see where we work."

EPIPHANY GLASS STUDIO

Visitors see more than just the place where April Wagner and Jason Ruff create glass works 2-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Twice a year, they open their Epiphany Glass Studios on anyone can watch them blow the molten material into vessels. The two teamed up nine years ago after graduating from Center for Creative Studies (now College for Creative Studies). This is their third annual holiday show at their new 4,000-square-foot hot glass blowing studio and gallery, 770 Orchard Lake Road at 1Elegraph, Pontiac Call (877) 560-1021. New this year is Ruff's Visitors see more than just

560-4021.
New this year is Ruff's
Seroceo Nest, a piece inspired
by organic forms in nature. The
design won Best of Show in the
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drums, the gallery offers Native American sandpaintings, which givers can tailor to a particular

person.
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"It's a traditional art form originally produced by medi-cine men when a person's health or life was out of bal-ance," said Horn.
"A sun represents happiness. It's going to bring happiness if you hang it on a wall. A bear is good medicine, and they start at \$12."

YORK STREET GLASSWORKS

There will be plenty of bargains Thanksgiving weekend at York Street Glassworks, 875 York St., Plymouth.
Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday-Fiddy or by appointment. It might be a good idea to call (734) 453-6419 anywas a his working studio can be difficult to find without directions.

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Artist/owner Don Schneider is discounting everything except special orders by 20 pecut from Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. Glass works range from a few dollars — choose an icicle ornament for S5 — to several hundred dollars. Schneider offers blown and lampworked glass pendants, beads, earrings, paperweights, and bowls.

His work can also be found the Detroit Artists Market.

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The show in the 2,000square-foot gallery continues to

Dec. 22. More than 2,000 works by

More than 2,000 works by 150 Michigan painters, scully-tors, glass, and ceramic artists fills the space at 4719 Woodward, just down the street from the Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 832-8540.

Native West's open all year long but turns the gallery into a jewelry lovers delight only for one weekend in December. Tables of Native American-made earnings, bracelets, pendants, cuff links, money clips, and necklaces will fill the space Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 5-8, in its gallery at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, west of Main, Plymouth, Call (734) 455-8638. "Dramoises is back, and it's "Dramoises is back, and it's

455-8838.
"Turquoise is back, and it's still hot, opal and inlay jewelry as well," said co-owner Annette

Horn.
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"We have a variety of items including ornaments, pottery, bronze seulpture, metal art, wall hangings, music. We've already had to restock our hot items a couple of times - sculpted pieces of clay using the Italian glassmaking technique milleflore by Artzona artist Jon Anderson. Jon converts the glass technique into ceramic turtles, lizards, frogs and serpents from S60 to a louple hundred dollars.

"We're also selling a lot of cedar flutes made by Chippewa artist Odell Borg. The flute is a very magical instrument, a great way to express feelings and emotions. And it's so casy. It's not like a flute in an ornestra. It's held differently, tuned differently, tuned differently, tuned differently can compare the property of the property of

and comes with a book and cas-sette on fingering technique. I've never played, but after 10 minutes I couldn't play really well but was getting the hang of it."

In addition to flutes and

FINAL DAYS

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center hosts its Holiday Shop to Dec. 1, at 1516 S. Cranbrook (Evergreen), Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0866.

Work by more than 125 work by more than 125 artists is on display including one of-a-kind Christmas and Hanukkah items, jewelry, hand-blown glass, garden and home decor, ceramics, wood, and paper,

ANNUAL POTTERS MARKET

Presented by the advanced ceramic students and guest potters of Oakland Community College's Royal Oak campus, the 27th annual show bills itself as the largest pottery sale of its kind in the country. The clay extravaganza takes place 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the United Food and Commercial Union Hall, 876 Commercial Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive near 13 Mile, between I-75 and Stephenson Highway, Madison

Heights.
Admission, as with all of
these shows, is free. Call (248)
246-2686.
The pottery sale features 137
potters who've created 40,000
pieces including pots, vases,
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and just about every item imaginable. Prices range from \$5 to
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Among the artists is Teri Barkin of West Bloomfield, who shows large spow domes with characters gazing into a globe. Lori Rodgers of Birmingham brings her Kiss of Luck wall pieces and pins, which are miniature renditions of a lucky talisman found hanging in the huts of an ancient tribe on a Pacific Island.

Dawn Boesen of Southfield

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Dawn Boesen of Southfield
makes vases almost larger than
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connected pots she calls "group
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skills as a cake decorator to squeeze dragons onto functional vases, gobiets, mugs and bowls.

There's some amazing one-of-a-kind art out there this holday season. I, for one, am anxious to get going, but before I do, I want to wish you "Happy shopping."

Have an interesting idea for a story?
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