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Cranbrook Fundamentals featured at Robert Kidd

Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham is celebrating Cranbrook's most famous artists.

The works of artists Marshall Fredericks, Harry Bertoin, Zoltan Sepeshy and Bertold "Tex" Schwetz are on exhibit at the gallery Saturday, Dec. 7 - Monday, Jan. 20, 2003.

To kickoff the event, called Cranbrook Fundamentals, a lecture and exhibit preview will be held at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 5 at The Community House in Birmingham. The public is invited. Two days later, on Saturday, an opening reception will be held at the gallery from 4-7 p.m.

All of the artists either taught or studied at Cranbrook Academy of Art during the first half of the 20th century. Marshall Fredericks is perhaps Michigan's best known sculptor. Robert Kidd Gallery Director Ray Frost Fleming explains that during Fredericks' career he studied a classical, figurative style reminiscent of his mentor Carl Milles, a Swedish artist who headed Cranbrook's sculpture department in the 1930s.

Bertoin is remembered for his musical sounding sculptures. Additionally he's known perhaps best for his famous metal-winged Bertoin chair. Using bronze, beryllium copper, stainless steel and more his work was inspired by nature such as bushes, dandelions and sunburst and also more abstract ideas like gongs and screens.

Sepeshy's paintings are known for their sensitivity plus unique brushwork in the medium of egg tempera. His works are in major museum collections including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Albright-Knox Gallery in Buffalo.



Sculpture by Marshall Fredericks.

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Schwetz, like Fredericks, became Carl Milles' assistant at Cranbrook. Schwetz divided his time between a studio in Florence and studios in Bloomfield Hills and Dexter, Michigan. He produced bronze sculptures of creatures and people, often with his trademark sense of whimsy.

Robert Kidd Gallery, located at 107 Townsend St. Birmingham is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and also on the first Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. (248) 642-1909

—Compiled by Lana Mini

Auto Dealer Adds To Already Strong Sales Staff!



Janet Risner

There's nothing like the feeling of being home for the holidays. And though it's only been two months, Hines Park Ford feels just like home for two new Sales and Leasing Consultants, Marcia Allan and Janet Risner. They're the most recent addition to the knowledgeable staff of

professionals at the brand new facility in New Hudson. "After two months, it feels like home. They've really welcomed us with open arms," said Janet Risner, who's recently relocated into the Highland area. Marcia Allan is also very familiar with the area of her new employment. "I've had family out here my whole life. It feels like my back yard," she added.

Both consultants are looking forward to a long and successful future at the state of the art facility. They realize it's important for customers to know they'll be there to service them next week, next month and next year. "I'm interested in working with my customers for life. I want my customers to get something they want and need, something they'll love a month from now," said Risner. Both Consultants bring a strong background from a prior dealership, having ten years experience a piece. Risner and Allan believe their people skills bring a definite asset to the dealership. They're comfortable working with any clientele from teens to seniors. "We cover the gamut, everybody that walks in that door is a potential customer and is treated that way," said Allan.

Car buying should be a positive experience, they believe. Customers should feel comfortable from beginning to end, and that feeling should carry over long after they've driven their car off the lot. "Our big thing is we don't push. We're not pushy sales people," said Janet Risner. "We're here to work for them," said Marcia Allan.

Risner also brings her unique background as a former service manager. She understands how important service after the sale is. New Car Sales Manager, Robert Menton welcomes the new additions, and is looking forward to a bright future at their new location. Originating in Plymouth, Hines Park is a family business founded by George Kolbin 1970, with brothers, Mike and Dave joining their

father in the 1980's. "We expect a lot of good things to happen," said Menton. They're also centrally located in the quickly developing area that will be home to Lyon Oaks and Lyons Crossing, I-96 at Millford Rd.

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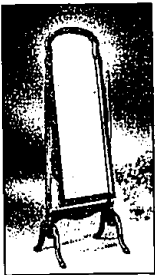
Don't be stuck out in the cold, the Service Department is currently running a special for winterization that will keep your car in tip-top running shape. You can even schedule your appointment online at your convenience. Here's another reason to log onto the Hines Park website. For the next five months, one each month starting in December, they are going to give away an autographed Kris Draper Jersey. Just visit www.hinespark.com and click on the Kris Draper pop up!



Marcia Allan

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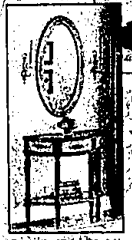
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