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# Architect's Wife Plans Art Shows for Three Groups

By DOROTHY BENJAMIN

Paintings and crafts by leading artists of the metropolitan area, such as those shown in a new exhibit in Detroit, are the avid interest of Mrs. Elliott Robinson of 572 Linden road.

Although her family keeps her too busy to follow her own oil painting enthusiasms, she finds time to arrange art exhibits for both the Detroit Artists Market and the Women's City Club.

Mrs. Robinson, whose home is full of functional and comfortable furnishings, in a way upholstered with fabrics she herself has woven, knows most of the area's artists.

"IT'S A PROBLEM to get fresh ideas," she says as she mentions going to studios to see works that might be placed in art exhibitions.

For such shows as the Detroit Artists Market, she frequently acts as a planner, calling artists and having them bring in entries for the juried approval of rejection.

Then she follows through with hanging of the show in the market's exhibit rooms.

THE SHOW THAT OPENED last Wednesday and will be on display through Monday, January 24, was sponsored by Bloomfield Hills resident Mrs. Harvey Lane, with Mrs. Robinson doing the contacts with contributing artists.

The market's goal in such an exhibit is two-fold: to acquaint the public with artists doing contemporary work in the arts and crafts fields, and to give the artists a market for their products.

THE CURRENT EXHIBIT is featuring work by professional and business men, who create art works after their working hours.

Among those with work in the show are architects, designers, lawyers, and real estate dealers. Tables, cigarette boxes, oil paintings, woodwork, collages and mounted wooden paintings are among the gamut of works shown.

MRS. ROBINSON'S husband is one example of these after-hours artists, for he is an architect whose office is at 815 Maple, who does furniture and other art pieces in his spare time.

The market's earlier shows had aimed at acquainting the public with ceramics and paintings by two Fulbright students, shown last fall, and art work that might be liked and within the budgets of young people and the "young in budget."

THE ROBINSONS' enthusiasm in art has been reflected in trading of each others' interests. Mrs. Robinson, who studied at Cranbrook under Madame Streetgell, admits she knew little about design of tableware when she was married.

But their silverware, made in Denmark to instructions of Robinson when they were on their wedding trip is studied simplicity with the joining of the handle and bowl or tines of each piece



SHE COLLECTS ART, WEAVES FABRICS  
Mrs. Elliott Robinson (Eccentric Photo)

clearly but "honestly" visible.

Drapes and willow covers that Mrs. Robinson wove herself, a huge round polished wood dining room table with wrought iron legs that Robinson designed, and small coffee tables in handy spots show their design abilities.

IN ONE CORNER of their living room the Hawaiian influence of Robinson's stay in Hawaii with a group of archaeologists and architects in naval intelligence, is shown in art.

The "chick" is a milk filled with a green-flecked couple, about four feet deep and filled with over a dozen pillows. "People congregate at it in parties," Mrs. Robinson explains of the comfortable informal seating space.

THE COULES ART taste is reflected in the "splicing

Italian art work on a living room wall, the Rouault lithograph they brought from France to hang in their dining room, and their own art works on the walls.

Mrs. Robinson looks forward to collecting more international children, Peter, 4, and Lydia, 3, are older.

Meanwhile, she is studying other artists' works.

"Visits to studios help to give me fresh ideas for group shows," she says. "It's refreshing."

Her activities include a directorship for Planned Parenthood, planning a program for the Woman's City Club art committee, and the Benetton concept planning group.

In the latter group, she is working towards bringing art projects to Detroit, such as the dance group recently sponsored, and the musical and art program planned for the spring.

# Danish New Year Fete Impresses Local Man

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Celebrating New Year's Eve thousands of miles away from home and family was the experience of Henry McQueen, stationed in Denmark with the General Motors plant expansion program, this year.

Mrs. McQueen returned to their home, 421 Benley, shortly before the holidays after spending about six weeks with her husband.

In a letter to his family, McQueen said he left the plant in mid-afternoon and went to his room at the Hotel d'Angleterre for a man and change of clothes.

Bringing with friends he recalled the menu to be "sandwiches and sherry; turtle soup with sherry; lobster with sherry; turkey with

red wine and ice cream with red wine. The meal was leisurely and time consuming, and a few minutes after 11 p.m. diners received baskets containing festive hats, music-makers and ornaments.

McQUEEN'S letter continued, "Well, the midnight streamers, etc., the party peaked up until 1:30 p.m. Then the music stopped and everyone departed down."

"Just at midnight the bell from the town hall started ringing. Everyone stood up in absolute silence. At the last stroke of the bell, the music started and every one joined in singing the Danish National Anthem and another song."

"When this was done, each person wished his Ladematen a Happy New Year and then all drank a toast to the New Year, the Whomper or, just, it was all very impressive."

"The thing started on again, but still there was no loud noise. I learned later that in private homes the next is celebrated in the same way."

THE BALANCE of the New Year holiday, McQueen spent with friends visiting various places of interests around Copenhagen.

In closing his letter, "So dear family, this brings us to the end of another episode of 'Life With an Out Mother and It Is Nice to Have Friends. Time in again for the next thrilling 272 adventures'."

MRS. McQUEEN said she was fascinated by Denmark and its people on this her second visit there.

"It is over two years since I visited there before, yet some of the hotel staff remembered me. It was almost like arriving home to go back there."

She has now a bit of time during the summer to visit again and take the children with her.

## ARC Welfare Aides Meet for Luncheon

On Jan. 12 social welfare aides of Oakland county chapter of American Red Cross held a luncheon meeting in the chapter house, Pontiac.

All chapter personnel engaged in home service work were present at the luncheon. Mrs. George W. McQuinn of Birmingham was in charge of the committee.

Among the 25 present were Harold Brady, chairman of home service in the county and Mrs. Ruth Sprick, Pontiac home service head.

Board Dinner  
Mrs. Martin Butzel was hostess at her Westwood drive home Monday for members of the Community House board. A dinner honored Walter F. Skinner, retiring president, and official checks extended him for his leadership.

# Eastern Stars Mark Birthday At Potluck Meal

Birmingham chapter No. 220, Order of the Eastern Star, will observe its 57th birthday on Jan. 19 at the Masonic temple.

Past matrons, past patrons, life members, honorary life members, honorary members, gold certificate members, and Mrs. William Ferguson, the organizer, will all be honored.

A potluck supper will be served at 8:30 p.m.

All 57 members will observe the degree work of Walled Hall 746's Daughters, Bethel No. 28, Mrs. Bieka Shipman of Pontiac is chairman of the Bethel.

Mrs. O'Neill Among Japanese Descent League's Officers

Mrs. W. R. O'Neill, of 721 North Eton road, will be installed to the first vice-presidency of the Japanese American Citizens League at Saturday's meeting at the Stockheim restaurant.

Mrs. O'Neill, American born of Japanese descent, was 'Misako' Mano before her marriage about a year ago.

Her is the only Irish name among such names as Sadio Kimbino, new president, and surgeons as Kokubo, Mizuno, Shimizu and Kubota.

John Land, chairman of the Detroit commission on community human relations will be guest speaker at the meeting.

# Two Local Students Promising Cadets

Robert Wilson and James Hamilton Pearson, Birmingham students at Williams college, Williamstown, Mass., have been accepted as cadets in the college's advanced course of the Air Force Reserve ROTC Training center.

Wilson is studying a two-year course of study which will lead to a degree in aeronautics in the United States Air Force.

They have attained the rank of cadet in the ROTC program, and were recently inducted into ROTC's honorary Aviator Society.

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# Pledges Alpha Phi

Robert W. Appleford, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Appleford, 3188 Broadway, has been initiated by the Williams College chapter

of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, Appleford, a 1953 graduate of Birmingham high school, is a member of the varsity football team and is active in the College Chapel and the Outing Club in Williamstown, Mass.

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