

Mixed media works of Arthur Hakim on exhibit

The three faces of the mixed media works of Arthur Hakim of Plains will be the featured exhibit in the MacDonald Art Gallery at College Misericordia, August 12 through August 26, 1990. A reception will be held for the opening of the exhibit Sunday, August 12 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The show, which includes watercolor, sculpture, acrylic and drawing, is a selection of 30 pieces of Hakim's life work done in three different phases. "My work, which often changes, looks like it belongs to three separate people," said Hakim of the various stages of his art, not unlike that of the various stages of life itself.

"I've always liked the social comment phase of my work which began in 1969 and is on-going. It has enabled me to get my message across about what is happening in the world." While Hakim continues to use all mediums to express his "social comment", his versatility is evident in his realism and abstract work from the early '70s.

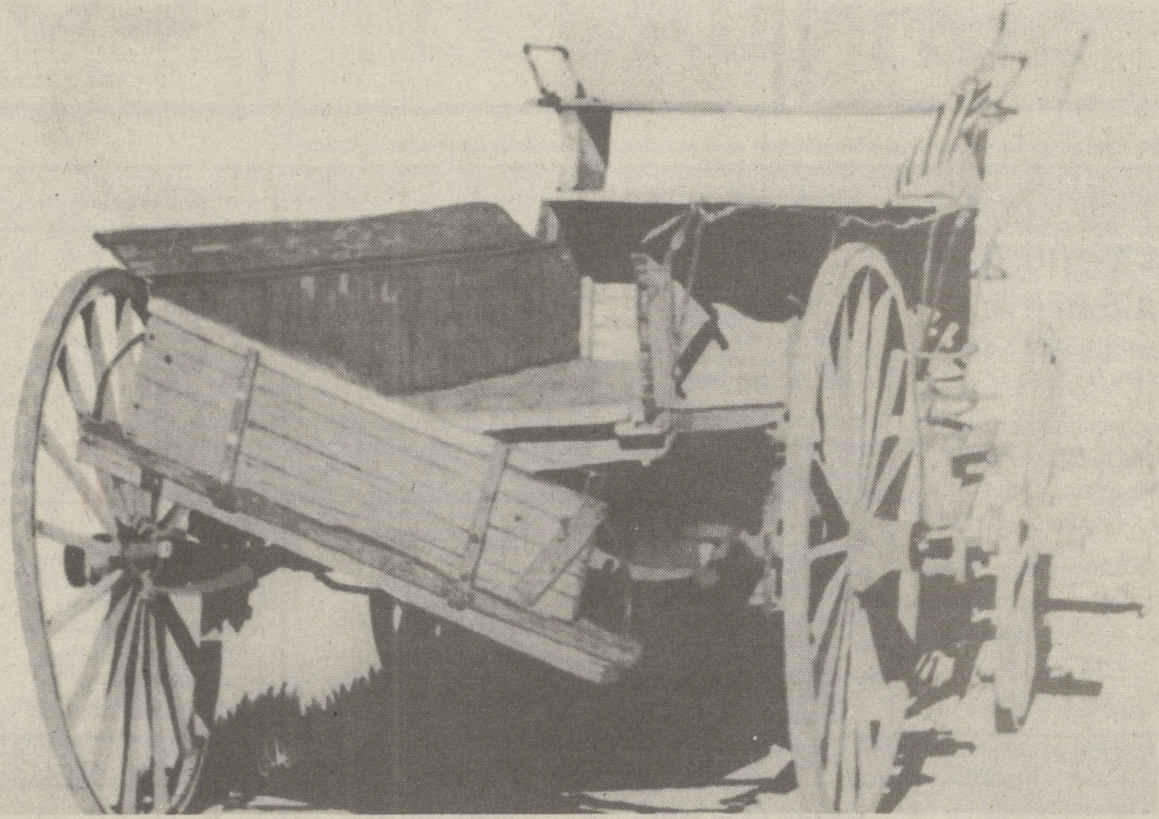
Hakim considers himself an experimenter and colorist and began using watercolor, shaped canvases and collage construction in 1971. His sculptures are free form except for some of his work which carries social comment. Hakim uses confinement as the central theme of many of his sculptures and uses what he calls a vacuum-formed plastic sculpture machine to form plastic around his subject matter. His most recent work has consisted of moon shots and flying saucers including one of his experimental pieces, entitled, "Lunar Landscape II."

"What is significant about Hakim's art is his use of materials from the environment and his versatility in all mediums," said Brian Benedetti, director of the MacDonald Art Gallery. He uses a wide range of materials from magic markers to car paint and crumpled paper to old weathered wood. One of his watercolor pieces, "Backyard Still Life," is composed of a weathered grey telephone pole, shovel, stones, flowers, lantern, white fence and an old axe—all pieces he collected for his backyard composition. As one might imagine, his backyard landscapes change periodically as he searches for what he calls, "new pieces of the elements that surround us."

Hakim strives for a particular reaction from his viewer and has done a number of series of works particularly on social comment which some view as controversial.

The recipient of over 100 awards for his art works, Hakim has exhibited his art widely throughout the United States. He holds a B.S. in Education from Bloomsburg State College and a master's degree in Studio Art from Marywood College. Hakim has been teaching art at Plains Junior High School for the past 23 years where he is also the athletic director. He is teaching this summer for the Luzerne County Human Resources Development Council.

Art Gallery Exhibition hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from noon to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, from noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m. and closed Monday. For more information, call the MacDonald Art Gallery at 674-6250.



AT McDONALD GALLERY - "In Need of Repair," water color by Arthur Hakim.

Community

ICE CREAM SOCIAL, Bloomingdale United Methodist Church, Sat., Aug. 11, starting 4 p.m. Barbecues, hot dogs, bean soup, deviled eggs, potato salad, beans, assortments of pies and tarts, ice cream.

FLEA MARKET, Oct. 6, Dorrance-ton United Methodist Church, 549 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Table space \$7.00, van space \$10. Call 288-1477 between 9 a.m. and noon. Call 288-0489 after 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Dorrance-ton United Methodist Women. Inclement weather-affair will be held inside.

BARBECUED CHICKEN DINNER, at the Mountain Grange #567 Hall, Eighth Street, Carverton, Aug. 18. Serving starts at 4 p.m. with barbecued chicken and potato salad, home-grown corn on the cob served. Fresh peach homemade shortcake will be the dessert. Public is invited.

Special Events

ARTS AT HAYFIELD SUMMER FESTIVAL ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW/SALE, Aug. 26, Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman; 11-6 p.m.; many displays of crafts, art work, stoneware, food for sale, live entertainment including "Just Us" folk group, magic tricks by entertainer Pat Ward, and the one-act play "I-Amelia" performed by the Germantown Theatre Guild; children's activities include "Karate for Kids" demonstration, fence-mural painting and face-painting; donations \$1.00; for more information call Arts at Hayfield, 675-2171.

WYOMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY AUCTION, Old and new items for Sale. Sat., Aug. 11, 11 a.m., Swetland Homestead Grounds, Wyoming Ave., Wyoming. Proceeds benefit Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. 823-6244.

THE NATHAN DENISON HOUSE TOURS, Guides dressed in colonial outfits give tours of the 200 year old home, through August. Denison House, 35 Denison St., Forty Fort. Sunday tours 1-4 p.m. Admission \$1 for adults; and 50¢ for children. For other times and group tours, call 288-6784 or 287-7055.

STEAMTOWN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. Visitors invited to ride behind 1926 vintage steam locomotive from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. as part of a tour to view the remains of the historic roundhouse. Park open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. with walking tours of the locomotives and cars leaving each hour from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 961-2034.

Special Events

"AN OLD FASHIONED WEDDING AT SWETLAND HOMESTEAD," presented by Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, at the Homestead, 885 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming, Sat., Aug. 18; Sun., Aug. 19. A cast of New York based actors will perform an original historically accurate script depicting the joys and problems of a Swetland descendant on her 1880 wedding day. Colorful, authentic costuming and decor will compliment this warm, fun-filled family production. For information and reservation, contact the Education Dept., 822-1727.

STEAMTOWN EXCURSIONS: Depart at 1 p.m. Fri., Sat., and Sun., through Oct. 28 from Steamtown Historic Site, Scranton. Tickets: \$10, \$6 for children; \$9 for groups. Roundtrip is 56 miles.

At the Kirby

KENNY ROGERS, country and pop singer. With Baillie and the Boys. Thurs., Aug. 9, 6 and 9 p.m. \$35 and \$32. Presented by Kirby Center and Magic City Productions.

MERLE HAGGARD, country singer. With the McCarters, Wed., Aug. 15, 8 p.m., \$19.50 and \$17.50. On sale at the Gallery of Sound, the Kirby and Ticketron. Presented by Magnus Productions.

BUDDY HACKETT, comedian. Sun., Aug. 19, 8 p.m. \$23. Presented by the Kirby Center.

Stage

"H.M.S. PINAFORE" Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Aug. 10-12, 16-19, 23-25. 283-2195.

"BLEACHER BUMS," comedy. The 4th Annual PA Summer Theatre Festival at Montage, Moosic. Scranton Public Theatre. Aug. 10, 11, 12, 16-19, 23-26, 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2, 6-8. Thurs.-Sun., at 8:30 p.m. \$15. Reservations: 344-3656.

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CYCSUMMERCAMP, CYC, 36 S. Washington St., Classes in music, dance and nature. Through Fri., Aug. 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Programs for working parents: 7-9 a.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. Cost \$300 for summer for non-members and \$250 for members. Cost per week is \$50 for non-members and \$40 for members. 823-6121.

Ricketts Glen

RICKETTS GLEN STATE PARK ACTIVITY SCHEDULE: Thurs., Aug. 9, 9:30 a.m., Nature Walk, Lake Jean, "Wildflowers"; 4 p.m., Nature Walk, Lake Rose, "Black Bear"; 8:30 p.m., Evening Program, Maintenance Grove, "Ricketts Scenes". Note: Nature walks begin at Park Office. Slide programs are shown at the maintenance building across from the park office.

Music

ENCORE MUSIC CAMP, Registrations now accepted. Vocal, instrumental, musical theater, and orchestral opportunities in concerts by 13 performing organizations, Wilkes University, through Sun., Aug. 12. 824-4651, ext. 4426. College bound students give recitals, through Sun., Aug. 12. Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for Performing Arts, Cor. South and River Sts., Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, 18766. Free admission. 824-4651, ext. 4426.

"FINAL CONCERT IN THE PARK," gala concert with classical, pop and show music. Featuring 35-piece Wyoming Valley Band. Sun., Aug. 12, 2 p.m., Kirby Park.

Clubs/groups

THE TOUGH LOVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP meets each Tues., 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Shavertown U.M. Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. For more information, 675-0372.

Slocum Park

FRANCES SLOCUM ACTIVITIES. The Nature Center at Frances Slocum State Park will be open to the public every Sat. and Sun., throughout the summer, 1-5 p.m. The Nature Center has a full time staff to welcome all visitors and guide them through the center. People of all ages are bound to enjoy the center's historical and environmental displays and games. Fri., Aug. 10, "History of Frances Slocum". A program and slide show on the history and legends of the area known as Frances Slocum. Ages: 10 & up, meet in Amphitheater, 8 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 11, "Natures Neighborhoods" A two mile guided hike through the many different habitats in nature. Ages: All, meet in the Nature Center at 3 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 11, "Indians of Lenapehoking". A program and slide show on the Native Americans of the area. Ages: 10 & up. Meet in the Amphitheater, 8 p.m.

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"150 YEARS OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE WYOMING VALLEY." Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, 69 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Ongoing exhibit. For info, call 823-6244.

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