'Color and read' book to go on sale Dec. 11

The "Back Mountain Color and Read Book" will go on sale Saturday, December 11, 1993 at both the Back Mountain Memorial Library and Sue Hand's Imagery. The cost of the book is \$6.00, with all proceeds to benefit the library.

Dedicated to the children's' librarian, Marilyn Rudolph, the "Back Mountain Color and Read Book" is being published in appreciation of her years of service, commitment, and dedication to all the children she has served while at the library.

The project was coordinated under the direction of a local artist Sue Hand. Also working on the project were graphic designer Patricia Bove: Dallas and Lehman High School art students Kristy Rice and Sarah Wilson; and Heather Hand Madeira, the publicity and sponsorship chairman.

Thirty three students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade from the Back Mountain community will have their artwork featured in the coloring book. The illustrations depict scenes characteristic of the Back Mountain. The students' artwork was selected by a panel of four judges from 119 entries received in this community-wide contest.

An additional community contest is being announced for people of all ages. The "Everybody Loves a Coloring Book" contest will be for persons of all ages, from toodlers through adults, anyone who enjoys creativity, recreation and relaxation. There will be seven age categories in which to enter: Preschool, elementary (kindergarten through 4th grade), middle school (5th through 8th grade), high school (9th through 12th grade), young adult (ages 18 through 39). Mid Life Crisis group (ages 40 through 59 years), and the "Older Kids" group (ages 60 through 109

A panel of five judges will award a plaque to the creator of the best coloring page in each age category. Entries must be completed and delivered to the Back Mountain Memorial Library, Huntsville Rd., Dallas or Sue Hand's Imagery by Monday, March 7, 1994.

For more information, call 675-5094.



College honors employees for service

College Misericordia recently honored seven employees for their years of service at the 14th annual Service Awards Dinner. Dr. Carol Jobe, Misericordia president, presented each employee with a special award based on the years of service to College Misericordia.

Participants are, from left to right: Joseph Luksic, 25 years; Sr. Madeline Gill, RSM, 25 years; Irene Steele, 10 years and Joan Dente, 20 years. Standing from left, are Betty Porzuczek, 25 years; Dr. Carol A. Jobe, Misericordia president; Nancy Kocher, 15 years. Dick Lynch, 15 years, was also honored.



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Works by 6 area artists on display through December

The close-up, the quiet and the intimate are the subjects of artworks in the current exhibition at Mellon Bank, Main Street, in Dallas. "Small Worlds" showcases the work of six local artists.

Sue Hand, Dallas, created a watercolor painting which depicts the world around the base of a tree trunk. "Tree of Life," symbolic of her strong beloved roots in the Back Mountain area although the tree is from her beloved coast of Maine.

Charlotte Arbogast, Dallas, created a small world of an antique doll's tea set, a handmade quilt, and her grandmother's Bible. The quilt in the painting will be exhibited with the Pennsylvania Quilters. She is also exhibiting a triptych watercolor of wildflower closeups and several other small florals.

Another work depicts a young boy intent on play. Through the eyes of Diane Chollak, Harveys Lake, the viewer is treated to a quiet reverie under tall hemlock trees, as branches and needles filter the bright sunlight. Painted en plein air at Rickett's Glen, the subject shows a universal memory. A second work depicts a doorway, representative of a small world opening into a larger one. A closup of red tulips by Chollak is

also on display.

Sharon Cease, Hunlock Creek, exhibits her delight in her grandchildren with her still life painting of a teddy bear and a beautiful heirloom quilt. Cease is also a well-known basket weaver and craftswoman and her craftsmanship is evident in the painted quilt.

Éileen Schmidt, Mountaintop, chose to depict the light and shadows of her flower pot and watering can, recalling the sunshine and shade so necessary for plant growth.

Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Montrose, a professional weaver, photographer and painter, weaves together tiny brush strokes to create magnificent vistas seen from within a small room space in her two miniature paintings.

All six of the artists exhibit their work regularly and are members of several local art groups including Cider Painters of America, Pennsylvania En Plein Air Society, Wyoming Valley Art League and Hill Country Artists. Collectively they represent and work in all major drawing and painting media.

The exhibit may be viewed through the end of December in the lobby of the Mellon Bank, Main Street, Dallas, during regular business hours.



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