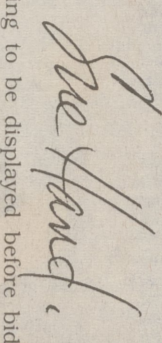




Back down to earth, Sue Hand is thinking big



Sue Hand is thinking big for this year's auction, really big. "Because it's the year 2000, I want to do the largest auction painting I've ever done," said the well-known artist and enthusiastic supporter of the library.

Recent auction paintings have been done on 22" by 30" paper. Hand said, "This year she plans to use paper that measures 28.5" by 40". Then there's the frame. Sue's husband Joe puts the finishing touches on each year's artwork, a job that takes four or five hours and must be done in time for the painting to be displayed before bidding opens Sunday.

Both the creation and sale of the auction painting has become a highlight of each year's event. Sue Hand starts work Thursday, continues working Friday and finishes the work Saturday. Last year's painting, which she sketched from a bucket

truck high over the auction grounds, may have been an inspiration. She plans to work on this one from a platform so that she has a good view of all the action.

While she has painted large works before, including a few for her Millennium Collection, the prospect of finishing on a deadline is a bit daunting. "I'm a little nervous about it, but I'm going to try it."

Last year's painting, like those in each of recent years, set a record, drawing a winning bid of \$4,400, all of which is added to the auction tally.



Sue Hand sketched a study for last year's auction painting.

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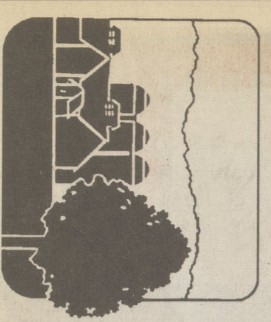


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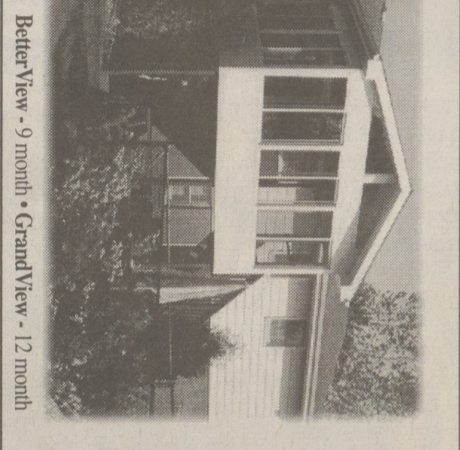
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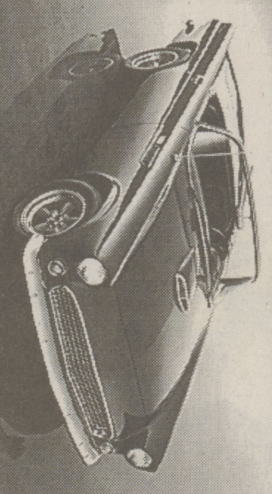
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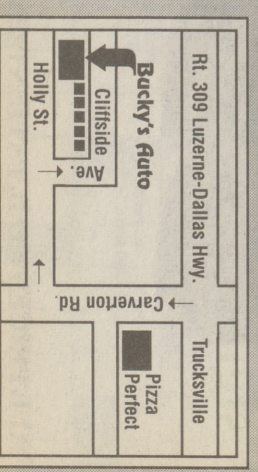
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