Ceramics and Painting Classes Held Special Exhibit

Students Design Outstanding Works From Clay

By Goldie Weinreb

Menorahs! Boxes! Mirrors! Sculpture! All of this and much more was part of the Adult Student Art Show held Sunday, March 22 at Shalom Park. The artists who showed their works were students in the J's ceramics class taught by Pat Siderman. Pat answered questions concerning the class and made it look so easy as he demonstrated on the wheel how to make a large bowl.

The people who attended were pleasantly surprised as to the quality, creativity and variety of the exhibit. "Beautiful!" "Great!" "I didn't realize there was so much talent here." "Are any for sale?" These were just a few comments heard during the day.

Baila Pransky's beautiful menorahs, mood pieces and embossed boxes received a lot of raves as did Janet Jaffa's ceramic mirror frames, boxes and other creative pieces. A very unusual sculpture made by Goldie Weinreb was designed to sit on a piece of slate that she found in the Smoky Mountains. There were delicate tea bowls and large vases by Pat Siderman; sculpture by Linda Goldberg; decorative platters by Dvora Beeri; a pitcher and tea bowls by Wendy Kaplan; planter by Althea Cole; a large octagonal box by Esther Seid and a bud vase by Leonard Jacobs.

Currently, there are two adult pottery classes being held: one on Monday mornings, the other on Thursday evenings. The students are busy doing their own thing with the clay and designing some very interesting pieces. They are planning to have another show in the fall and hopefully will have lots of items for sale just in time for the holidays.

If anyone is interested in enrolling in any of the ceramic classes, please call Jackie Fishman at the "J", 366-5007.

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Pat Siderman at the wheel. Photo/R. Gorelich



Janet Jaffa's reflection in her mirror.



Ceramics Crew: (L to R) Janet Jaffa, Pat Siderman, Baila Pransky, Goldie Weinreb.



Beautiful ceramic pieces.

Photo/Ben Weinreb



Renee Gorelick instructing

Creativity ... Who Has It?

By Renee Molko Gorelick

Everyone has it . . . we are all born creative! Some know it and use their creativity . . . The lucky ones are those who are willing to try to free up their creative spirit any way they can.

That's what the adult art department is all about. Every week adult students in the ceramics and painting classes meet at the "J" to play and work with either paint or clay.

Teachers, Pat Seiderman (ceramics) and Renee Molko Gorelick (acrylic painting) are busily encouraging their classes to let go of their inhibitions, to use their natural ability to create and discover the



(L to R) Jeff Gorelick, Pamela Gorelick, Bari Leib.

fun and self-satisfaction that comes with making art.

And they were showing off their art work on Sunday, March 22, with an art show and hands-on demonstrations.

A large pottery wheel set up in the lobby of the J was spinning all day as Pat Seiderman built pottery vessels for all to

Inside the adult lounge spectators were invited to try their hand at painting. Renee Gorelick instructed all those who were willing to try to create their own piece of art. Many young and old surprised themselves! What fun to discover their hidden (and natural) ability to create!

The idea of the day was to take a box - any box, a shoe box, a toothpaste box, an earring box - and paint it. So much fun to apply luscious shades of acrylic paint, to create a personal design, a blending of colors and textures. There were choices of fat brushes, skinny brushes and medium sized tools.



Painting by Elaine Cigler.

Photo/R. Gorelick

The key word for the day was FREEDOM. No rules. Pretend that we were back in our little child bodies without the inhibitions of adulthood . . . something we don't do very often.

On the walls of the lounge were paintings by students of the Tuesday morning art classes. The artists are: Patty Bedrick, Elaine Cigler, Marty Gerber, Vera Mendel, Helga Rosenberger and Virginia Wright.

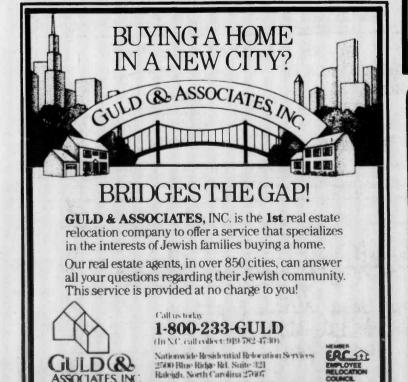
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