

Turlington watercolor wins Best in County



Pat Turlington explains her technique in "The Song of Eve" (left photo) to Jenny Smith, office manager at the Community Arts Council.

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By MEL WILLOUGHBY

Artist and instructor Pat Turlington has been busy at her easel bringing paint to life in the last several months.

The Song of Eve, Turlington's entry in the Wayne County Juried Art Competition, garnered Third Place overall and captured the Best in Wayne County Award.

The painting is part of a series of still-life works based on women, a subject which Turlington has explored for several years.

The Song of Eve consists of an array of flowers in the background, a tube of lipstick, a box of Jello, a can of Comet, a Diet Pepsi, an open compact, and a woman's high-heeled red shoe.

Turlington explained the symbolism behind the painting. The flowers "almost smother you; they are considered very seductive, like Eve."

The lipstick symbolizes the woman always "painting" herself and making herself beautiful.

The box of Jello represents the woman cooking, but Turlington also says that Jello was considered a special treat during her childhood.

Comet signifies the woman always cleaning; and the Diet Pepsi, the woman always watching her weight.

The compact serves a dual purpose: it represents the woman always "painting" herself, but a closer look reveals a pill bottle in the reflection in the mirror.

Turlington said that women consume 80% of all tranquilizers prescribed in the United States; in fact, tranquilizer use is becoming a major problem.

Through its curved shape and overall style, the red pump symbolizes the woman's seductiveness.

Turlington said that the painting's main objective was to convey that the items in the painting are "what women use to seduce men, and what society uses to seduce women."

Schools commission Turlington for brick sculptures

By MEL WILLOUGHBY

Pat Turlington, one of only 35 brick sculptors in the nation, has been commissioned to create 3 brick sculptures--2 for Cadova Elementary School in Richmond County and another for Wilkes Community College.

One of the sculptures for the elementary school is a seal 8 feet in diameter which will appear on the exterior of the school.

The inset of the seal features a triangular ribbon on which is incised the words "Parent," "Teacher," and "Child."

The second sculpture, which will be carved in a wall inside the building, will depict 20th century images in early cave art.

Just as the early cave dwellers carved images with which they were familiar, Turlington will utilize familiar images in society today.

She will incorporate actual handprints and footprints taken from a variety of children in the school into the mural.

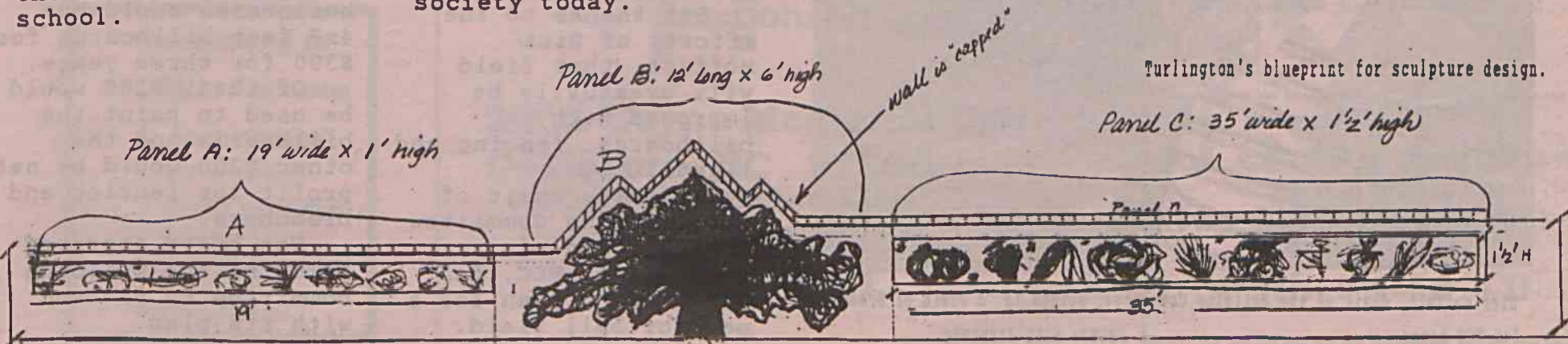
The third sculpture will be placed in Wilkes Community College's "Garden of the Senses," a garden for the visually impaired.

The sculpture is comprised of three panels which feature

fruits and vegetables springing from a tree located in the center panel.

A stainless steel plate trailer will be placed under the brick sculpture, indicating in braille the object carved above the trailer.

Turlington is anticipating the installation of the wall by July 15, 1993.



Turlington's blueprint for sculpture design.