

Close-Up

Catlett: Creating purposeful artwork

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Her fingers stretch and mold with fine-tuned precision as she mends a plaster bust damaged in shipping.

"They didn't pack it properly, and it got chipped when they sent it here," renowned sculptor and artist Elizabeth Catlett explains, a hint of irritation in her voice as she attempts to repair the damage done to her lifelike image of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "It's part of the exhibition, and it will later

"... I'll never stop working. When you stop working, you die. Artists, particularly sculptors, live a long time because we just keep working."

—Elizabeth Catlett

be bronzed. But I've got to fill in the crevices before I have it bronzed."

An internationally known sculptor and painter, Miss Catlett and her works were featured at last week's Delta Sigma Theta South Atlantic Regional Conference. A member of the sorority herself, she was the keynote speaker at the convention's public meeting last Friday.

A major exhibition of Miss Catlett's works from 1949 to the present is now on display at the Winston-Salem Urban League through June 20.

As she goes about her work, the most noticeable aspect of the 66-year-old artist is the intense but gentle care she gives to her product. A *cum laude* art graduate from Howard University, Miss Catlett creates artwork that appeals to the mind and spirit as well as to the eye.

"A lot of people create art for art's sake, but I don't," she says, commenting on the themes she weaves into her work. "I think all art is social because it deals with relationships between people and with communications. When people say they're doing art for art's sake, I don't believe them. I respect their opinion, however."

Recognized as an outstanding artist, Miss Catlett was appointed professor of sculpture at the National School of Fine Arts in 1959, becoming the first woman ever to teach at the school.

She later became head of the school's sculpture department, a position she held until her retirement in 1976.

Education was a priority which Miss Catlett's mother stressed to her children during their childhood.

Her father died before Miss Catlett was born, and her mother, Mary C. Catlett, worked several jobs to support her three children. She insisted that her children spend time studying and that they receive a solid education.

After her graduation from Howard, Miss Catlett taught in Durham's segregated schools for two



Internationally known sculptor and printmaker Elizabeth Catlett explains the theme of one of her works, now on exhibit at the Urban League (photo by James Parker).

years. It was after she left North Carolina that she enrolled in the graduate program at the University of Iowa.

Her return to this state is one she has looked forward to for quite some time.

"I like to exhibit my work in North Carolina,"

she says, smiling. "My mother and my grandmother were from North Carolina. I used to go to Lincolnton to my grandfather's farm."

As is true of many artists, Miss Catlett's Please see page A13

Social Notes

Sadler recognized for years of service to Phi Delta Kappa

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., Beta Lambda Chapter, was host to the sorority's North Carolina chapters, Beta Zeta, Durham, and Alpha Iota, Charlotte and Concord, May 25.

In observance of Founders' Day, the group worshiped at Grace Presbyterian Church, where the Rev. L.V. Lassiter Jr. is pastor.

Following the service, the members attended a luncheon at the Holiday Inn North.

During the observance the chapter recognized Vera Sadler, a charter member and life member of the organization.

Mrs. Sadler, who has served as



Vera Sadler

first antiasileus and second antiasileus, was honored for being a dedicated member and for contributing her time and energy to the sorority.

She has also served as public relations chairman, Cinderella Ball chairman and Founders' Day chairman and has worked on the regional level.

The presentation was made by Mabel Jessup.

In April 1923 Gladys Merritt invited eight future Jersey City, N.J., teachers to her home to organize a sorority which became known as the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa. The sorority was officially incorporated on May 23, 1923.

In addition to Mrs. Merritt, the founders were Florence Steele, Marguerite Gross, Mildred Morris, Julia Asbury, Gladys Cannon, Edna McConnell and Ella Wells.

Seventeen months later, the second chapter was established in Washington. Other East Coast chapters formed soon thereafter.

Since its founding, the sorority has expanded across the country and into Liberia and West Africa.

The aims of the sorority have been upheld by the individual chapters over the years.

These aims include promoting the highest ideals of the teaching Please see page A13

Local Garden Council wraps up plans for annual Flower Show

The Fourth District Garden Council held its final monthly meeting before the spring flower show on Wednesday, May 14, at the East Winston Library.

The show is scheduled to be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, at the Winston Lake Family YMCA. Admission is a \$2 donation.

Edythe Williams of the Flower Niche Flower Club is president of the council and opened the meeting.

Katherine Walker conducted a session on flower displays.

Discussing the flower show, Mrs. Williams noted that a minimum of four entries is re-

quired for each show category. She also stressed the importance of participation and being on time for the show.

Prizes were awarded to members for their flower displays. Mrs. Williams captured first prize, Ivey N. McDaniel took second place, and Gloria King won third prize.

Mrs. McDaniel and Mrs. King are in the Best Yet and Flora Buffs flower clubs, respectively.

Others attending the meeting included Theodosia Patton, Carolyn Boyd, Earle G. Simpson, Virginia Stewart, Willa Truesdale, Emmalene H. Good-

win, Mary Hopkins, Vivienne Conley, Janice W. Thomas, William McKoy Sr., Acie McGhee Jr., Sharon Lindsay,

Florence Rennick and Catherine Franklin.

Mrs. Walker is chairman for the spring flower show.

FATA to offer voice classes this summer

The Flonnie Anderson Theatrical Association will offer three sessions of summer workshops in voice and diction, singing, dance and acting.

The workshops will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each three-week session. The first session begins on Tuesday, June 10, the second on Tuesday, July 1, and the third on Tuesday, July 22.

All workshops will be held at

the Art-Is House, 740 N. Cleveland Ave.

Participants age 5 to 9 will meet from 9 to 11 a.m.; senior citizens from 1 to 3 p.m.; youth age 10 to 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. and adult classes from 7 to 9 p.m.

Students age 5 to 17 who are selected for the workshop must have performance potential.

The workshops will culminate in a show for all participants. The Please see page A7

About Town

Duplicate Bridge Club sends 'Y' youngsters off to camp

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Members of the Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club have dedicated themselves to giving something back to their community, and they recently made a contribution to the Winston Lake Family YMCA to carry out their goal.

The club contributed three camperships, valued at \$110, to the YMCA.

The club, a non-profit organization whose parent organization is the American Bridge Association Inc., is the first black bridge club in the city. The local club is part of the Triad Bridge Unit, and its members and their guests meet weekly for games designed to help develop



Satia Orange, YMCA preschool director, receives a check for three camperships from Rudolph V. Boone Sr., game director for the Duplicate Bridge Club (photo by Art Blue).

their bridge-playing skills and competitive atmosphere.

The club also sponsors tournaments and participates in tournaments sponsored by other clubs, units and the national body.

Providing scholarships has become one of the club's priorities. The Y camperships, whose funds were made available through sponsorship of a "B" Tournament in April, will begin a new era for the club.

The club meets every Tuesday evening at 7 at the Winston Lake YMCA and a beginners' group meeting Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Members invite persons interested in learning to play the Please see page A11

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 30

• Robert L. Pence, FBI special agent, will be the speaker at the 12:10 luncheon sponsored by the Downtown Church Center and WSJS. His topic will be "Domestic Terrorism." The luncheon begins at 12:10 and ends at 12:50 p.m. and will be held in the Mountcastle Forum at Winston Square. The cost of the meal is \$5. For more information call 722-5128.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

• The Les Artres Club will sponsor a big auction sale at 10 a.m. at Chestnut Street and Northwest Boulevard. The auctioneer will be David Ogburn; the sale will feature antiques as well as household articles. The club members will donate the proceeds to the Winston Lake YMCA. For more information call 725-6638.

• The James H. Young Memorial O.E.S. Chapter No. 592 will hold its second annual banquet at 7 p.m. at the Winston-Salem State University dining hall. The featured speaker will be Dr. Manderline Scales. For ticket information call 724-7609.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

• "Bigger Than Life: Murals," a painting/lecture demonstration, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Main Public Library. Local artist Armand T. DeNovere will enlarge one of his works selected by the audience. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information call 727-2057.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

• The YWCA Tuesday Night Out will feature a program titled "Auto Familiarization for the Novice." Annie Tague will present the discussion in the Pine Room at 7:30 p.m. For those interested in fitness as well as fun, the evening will begin at 8:30 with a fitness class, whirlpool and sauna session, and a light dinner. The fee is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members. The cost for the program only is \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. For more information call 722-5138.

• The YWCA Mothers Network will feature a program titled "Have a Safe Summer with Your Child" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$1.50 for members and \$2.25 for non-members. Babysitting is available. For more information call 722-5138.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

• The A&T Alumni Association (Twin City chapter) will sponsor a "Get-Acquainted Social" for incoming freshmen and transfer students who will be entering A&T in the fall. The event will be held at the Winston Lake Family YMCA at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Cheryl Harry at 744-1118 or Sandra Toney at 721-1215.

• The June meeting of Associated Photographers of Winston-Salem Inc. will be held at the Sawtooth Center for Visual Design, 226 N. Marshall St., at 7:30 p.m. The program will be "Shrimp the Experts." For more information call 725-1254.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

• A seminar for swimming pool operators will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Mental Health Auditorium on Highland Avenue. It will cover issues relating to water quality. The seminar is free of charge. For more information call Larry Bunn at 727-2700.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The YWCA is now holding registration for its summer camp. Please see page A14