

Faculty art exhibit to open Sunday at Black Mountain Library

An exhibition of 60 recent art works by Western Carolina University's art faculty will open this Sunday in the Education Room of the Black Mountain Library with a reception, open to the public, from 3-5 p.m.

The show, which includes works in a wide variety of media, is the first on the department of art's 1981-2 schedule and includes works by all 13 of Western's art faculty members.

It is the largest faculty exhibit in several years with pieces ranging from small collages to a 12-foot batik.

Faculty members participating in the show are Joyce Blunk, William Buchanan, Lee Budahl, Joan Byrd, Judith

Duffey, Evan Frestone, Wade Hobbard, Perry Kelly, William Lidh, David Nichols, Duane Oliver, Jim Smith and Lori Van Houten. Media represented will be assemblage, collage, raku (pottery), oil, mixed media, photo collage, photography, batik, pastel, intaglio, woodcut, glass, felt marker, colored pencil, cut paper multiple, charcoal and conte.

The exhibition will continue through

"Procyon Lotor," a raku pottery work by William Buchanan, will be among the recent works by Western Carolina University's art faculty to be featured in an exhibition Sept. 13-26 at the Black Mountain Public Library. [WCU Photo by Harry Duke]



Four injured in one-car crash

A one-car accident on Assembly Drive in Montreat on Sept. 4 resulted in the injury of four Black Mountain youths. The driver of the car lost control of the vehicle about 12:30 a.m., police said. The vehicle hit a rock and several trees and then skidded 135 feet on its top.

At impact the engine was thrown out

of the car and stolen from the scene. It was recovered Monday, Sept. 7 by Montreat police.

The injured were treated and released at Memorial Mission Hospital.

Two citations were issued, one for reckless driving and another for having no insurance.



Owen students got a real-life lesson in voting last week when they elected student council representatives. Chief Deputy Supervisor for the Buncombe County Board of Elections, Ruth Austin, assisted Katie Chapman, an Owen freshman, in casting her ballot in a voting machine.

Owen students elect council reps

The Owen High student body elected new Student Council representatives for the 1981-82 school year. They are: David West, president; Amy Venturella, vice-president; Paula Wright, secretary; and Allen Blizzard, treasurer.

After campaign speeches Tuesday, Sept. 1, the officers were elected Wednesday and Thursday. There were five candidates for president and two for vice-president. The offices of secretary and treasurer were uncontested.

For preschoolers

Moles and mice subject for program

The first program in a new series at the Black Mountain Library will reinforce what every child suspects—"Mole and Mice Are Nice." See a Film-Read a Book program for preschoolers have been playing monthly during the school year in Asheville libraries for years, but this year the free programs have been expanded to include two county libraries, Black Mountain and North Buncombe.

"Where possible we wanted to expand to county libraries who had facilities," explained Suzanne Williams, Asheville-Buncombe Library System Children's Services coordinator.

"The programs feature the best available films and books," Williams said. Films for the first programs include "Mole and the TV Set," "Mole and the Christmas Tree," "Mole and the Rocket," and "Mole as a Painter." Books will include "Whose Mouse are You?" by Robert Kraus with pictures by Jose Aruego; "Mice Twice" by Joseph Low; and "Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse" by Leo Lionni.

The programs begin at 10:30 a.m. and last 40-45 minutes. They are

designed for preschoolers ages three to five, and will be attended by some kindergartens, Williams said. They are narrated by John Bridges.

Weather review

Sept. 1—high 82, low 63 degrees; .08 inches precipitation.

Sept. 2—high 84, low 59 degrees; .02 inches precipitation.

Sept. 3—high 80, low 64 degrees; .20 inches precipitation.

Sept. 4—high 76, low 65 degrees; .07 inches precipitation.

Sept. 5—high 78, low 64 degrees; trace precipitation.

Sept. 6—high 79, low 62 degrees; 1.58 inches precipitation.

Sept. 7—high 80, low 58 degrees; .33 inches precipitation.

Weather courtesy of WFGW Radio, Black Mountain.

Sunday, Sept. 26. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 3-5 p.m. Sundays. The public is invited to view the show without charge. Works may be purchased from the artists.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by The Swannanoa Valley Art League and The Old Depot Association.

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County planning director to speak

by Margaret L. Thomson

Charles W. Tessier, director of planning for the Buncombe County Planning Department since 1976, will be the featured speaker at the Friday, Sept. 18 meeting of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Unit of the Asheville-Buncombe County League of Women Voters (LWV).

Tessier, holder of graduate degrees in urban design from North Carolina State and the University of North Carolina, will discuss the various aspects involved in prudent planning for future community development.

Mrs. Kathryn Churchill, chairman of the Black Mountain unit of LWV, invites

all interested persons—men as well as women—to attend the event, which opens the League's 1981-82 year. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. in Lounge Three at Highland Farms Retirement Community on Tabernacle Road in Black Mountain. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The program is free.

The LWV is a national organization of concerned citizens that neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate, Mrs. Churchill said. Its purpose is to examine and provide information in the public interest on governmental measures and policies at local, state and federal levels.

Police and fire report

Black Mountain Fire Department

Black Mountain firemen assisted at the scene of four accidents over the Labor Day weekend. On Friday, Sept. 4, four were injured in a 12:51 a.m. wreck on Assembly Drive in Montreat. At 1:13 p.m., a pick-up truck was totally destroyed by fire on I-40 East on Old Fort Mountain. The fire started underneath the truck, firemen said.

Also on Friday, firemen washed the street at the intersection of North Blue Ridge and Old 70 after a 11:43 p.m. wreck.

On Saturday, Sept. 5, a car accident occurred at the intersection of U.S. 70 and Cragmont. No one was injured.

On Sept. 3, firemen answered a false alarm at 10:29 a.m. at the Western Carolina Center and a malfunctioning alarm at 5:31 p.m. at Highland Farms. At 3:13 p.m. a power transformer behind the Pizza Hut shorted out.

Black Mountain Police Department

Black Mountain police reported another breaking and entering at the Black Mountain Middle School between Friday, Sept. 4 and Sunday, Sept. 6, when it was discovered. Sports equipment,

including game balls, helmets and shoulder pads, were stolen.

Larceny of a moped from a home on Sept. 5 or 6 was reported.

Chief Slagle released

Black Mountain Police Chief Craig E. Slagle returned home from the hospital Monday night after a two week stay in which he was treated for second degree burns. Slagle was fueling a lawnmower at his home when the fire occurred on Aug. 21.

"He's up and around," said his wife Frances. He is able to use his hands, and his legs are "healing beautifully," according to his doctors.

Chief Slagle hopes to be back at work in a few weeks; meanwhile he is greeting friends at home.

Chu to give Chinese cooking classes

A series of six, once-a-week, three hour classes in Chinese cooking will be offered by Peter Chu in Black Mountain. The classes will be held in the kitchen of the First Baptist Church on

Montreat Road from 6-9 p.m. They will begin on Thursday, Sept. 17 and run through Oct. 22. The tuition will be \$30 and there will be room for 15-20 people.

Chu is a native of Manchuria, but has lived in the United States for more than 20 years. He is a social worker by vocation, but in addition has had restaurants in Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Asheville. His avocation is creative Chinese cooking in several styles, for he feels that good food is a great way to bridge cultural differences.

Mr. Chu has taught Chinese cooking classes in a number of places, most recently at Haywood, Blue Ridge and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Schools. Because he has had so many requests from area people to have a class locally, he has agreed to teach this class in Black Mountain.

The Old Depot Association is sponsoring the cooking class. Come by The Depot to register and pay tuition before Sept. 17.

Brandon announces for council seat

Black Mountain Town Councilwoman Ruth Brandon announced her candidacy Tuesday for re-election in November.

Mrs. Brandon said she felt the issues facing the town are the same as those facing it at the last election: water, public safety, town services and possible tax increases.

Calling the 1981-82 town budget "the most realistic budget this town has ever operated under," she reminded voters she had voted to "cut and cut deeply to hold the tax increase to the very minimum."

She said water projects must "receive top priority and close scrutiny. It must have very careful administering of the available funds."

Brandon is running for her fourth term on Town Council.



Ruth Brandon

Chamber chatter

Counting cars

by Ed Weber

How many cars was that? A traffic count in Black Mountain for 365 days, 24 hours per day, revealed the following averages.

—On I-40 crossing Highway 9, 15,600 cars per day.

—On Highway 9 at the railroad tracks coming into Black Mountain, 4,200 per day.

—On U.S. 70 coming into Black Mountain, 8,000 cars per day.

Total vehicles for a 24-hour period averages 27,800.

Owen defeats McDowell, 19-0

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