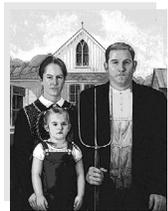


Art Adventure I Sam Dalkilic-Miestowski



Mulligan's stew is an excellent example of food that Americans love. One imagines a huge pot bubbling over with a little bit of everything on an open fire with a large wooden spoon being stirred by the best cook in the family. This melting pot of food mirrors the melting pot of this country.

Northwest Indiana, in particular, exemplifies this. In fact, the Region represents all members of the African, European and Asian countries. European art often is the focal point in discussing art history, art exhibits and art museums. African art has belatedly received its due recognition. It deserves a prominent place in the art world.

Picasso and Matisse were some of the first collectors of African artifacts. Maurice de Vlaminck is usually considered to be the first to have recognized African artifacts as sculpture. It was in 1905 when the objects displayed at the Musee du Trocadero were seen by de Vlaminck and his friend Andre Derain.

Vlaminck wrote, "From then on, there started the great hunt for African art."

Arthur Bourgeois, Ph.D., art historian and coordinator of the art program at Governor's State University, provided the following insight on the influence of African art.

"Picasso thereafter gradually introduced images of African masks into his paintings and in this way began a movement, the novelty of which led people to believe it was revolutionary, namely Cubism, although there were also other influences at work, namely the lessons learned from Cezanne. Yet for these artists,

African safari



there was little interest in understanding African sculpture on its own terms or within an ethnographic context, nor were they interested in the narratives and rituals that inspired them. Rather, their notions of meaning were entirely romantic, seeing only 'emotional mystical content.' "

Bourgeois invites anyone interested in African art to attend two current shows.

African Art: Remnants of Ritual, The David Gelbard Collection, Jan. 12 to April 3, Tall Grass Arts Association, 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest, IL, 60466, (708) 748-3377
Archival Images of Central Africa, Feb. 22 to March 8, Reception Feb. 22, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Art Gallery at Governor's State University, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60466, gallery hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday

Dave Lucas, president of Schererville Steel, recently returned from Africa with a noteworthy collection of large African batiks from Burkina Faso, West Africa. He said, "The people, though poor and starving, are very artistic and the art reflects their culture and rich history. I will tell you that I will never forget this land and people and the art. I look forward to returning soon."

Ali Jacobs, a Lansing, Ill., resident with a fine arts degree in photography, returned to Cape Town, South Africa, on Feb. 14.

She will teach photography to street children from ages 7 to 20 from February to December.

Her stated mission is to "Provide children with a means to explore the world through the camera and to give them a voice to speak out about their concerns, hopes and fears."

Anyone interested in contributing to this project

may contact her parents, Jack and Darlene Jacobs, at (708) 895-2712 or by e-mailing Ali at alilaurenjacobs@yahoo.com.

Supplies needed are: 35 mm cameras (SLR and automatic), film, darkroom supplies and chemicals, new or used laptop computers.

Tom Sufana, art department chairman at Lowell High School, is a frequent traveler to Africa. His PowerPoint presentation on Africa has been enjoyed by several philanthropic organizations. Call him at 696-7733.



Pictured are: Picasso's "Les Femmes d'Alger"; Matisse's "Portrait of Madame Matisse"; Helmet Mask, Panu, Gasbson Wood; detail of the Picasso's painting and his mask he used as a model

Contact Sam at The Steeple Gallery at (219) 365-1014 or at samowner@sbcglobal.net.

There will be no need to set up shop selling water wings for golf balls to future users of the Youche Country Club driving range next to the high school. According to School Board member **Scott Angel**, they will put up barrier netting.

... At the Crown Point Board of Works meeting **Tim Walsh** made a point of congratulating Clerk-Treasurer **Patti Olson** and her staff. The only write-off of uncollectible water bills over the past three years totaled under \$100.

... Does anyone remember

Kitty Conley's

Scratching Post

all the little elephants that used to sit in the window at former Clerk-Treasurer **Eileen Shultz's** office?

How many did she have on display? They were fun. Yes, she is also the woman in the candy-apple red top at the Mayor's Ball.

Current Clerk-Treasurer **Patti Olson** has the Wizard of Oz in her office. Children of all ages love the talking animals on the counter.

... According to State Rep.

Bob Kuzman, D-19th, the Indiana General Assembly passed a resolution on Feb. 7 congratulating the Lowell High School Red Devils on their 11-4 season and Class 4A state football championship.

... Mayor **Dan Klein** welcomed home the nationally ranked Crown Point High School dance team.

Team members did a kick on the Square in front of the Old Courthouse. One of the girls kicked off the flip-flop she had been wearing on the airplane. Luckily she missed the mayor.

City officials not happy with Summertree sewer connections going to Merrillville

By **KITTY CONLEY**
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CROWN POINT – At the Feb. 8 Board of Works meeting Mayor Dan Klein hit a snag when he actually heard dissension among the troops on Precision Construction's Summertree subdivision sewer connections going to Merrillville Conservancy District.

City Engineer Bill Meeks and Planning Director Curt Graves both openly disagreed with Klein on signing the final subdivision plat for Summertree.

Clerk-Treasurer Patti Olson doesn't like the idea either.

Meeks opened the door saying that even if the final subdivision plat is approved by the Plan Commission at an upcoming meeting, the

city should not sign the plat, so that it cannot be recorded.

Graves said, "That once the plat is recorded, Precision can start selling lots."

He added, "We also need to have proof that MCD has issued taps before issuing building permits."

Klein thought telling buyers was the developer's problem.

Graves said, "No, it will come here. It will be our problem, starting in my office, then coming to yours."

Meeks said, "No building permits should be allowed to be issued until the situation with Precision sending sewer to the MCD is resolved."

While the City Council has already approved a letter of intent to allow the

sewer give-away, members can still change their minds.

The City Council can still vote no, when presented with an ordinance to complete the give-away of one of only a few major revenue sources for the city.

Summertree is a total of 339 homes, which would have collected \$650,880 tap-in system charges and an average yearly revenue of more than \$100,000.

If the developer were to increase its property to include the surrounding land, the revenue loss would double.

When Waterside Crossing to the south of Summertree was put in, Jeff Ban, then city engineer, required that developer to install extra-sized sewer lines to handle flow from future area growth to the north.

library corner

CEDAR LAKE / 374-7121 Tax help for seniors

Tax counselors will be available at the library from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays from Feb. 1 to Feb. 24. They will assist with individual income tax preparation. Last year's tax return, property tax bills and all federal and state booklets received in the mail must be brought to this appointment. By appointment only. Call the library to schedule a time.

Chocolate taste-off

3:30 p.m. Feb. 24
 Teens will enjoy a variety of

chocolate as they decide on their favorites. They will also make their own treat and play games.

Pat and brush with acrylics

9:30 a.m. Feb. 25
 Participants will paint February Evening. Fee of \$12 covers cost of materials.

Dinosaur days

6:30 p.m. Feb. 27
 An event for all ages as we travel back in time with stories of dinosaurs, activities with fossils, a dinosaur egg hunt and more.

Travel the world

2 p.m. Feb. 28
 Viewers will tour world-class cultural sites, dynamic new architecture, museums, outdoor cafes and more as they visit the German cities of Berlin, Munich and Bavaria on the big screen. Refreshments will be served.

LAKE COUNTY / 769-3541 Take home the gold

4 p.m. Feb. 23
 Youngsters in grades K and above will play a library version of the Olympic Winter Games and "win" medals to take home. There will also be

winter stories and a craft.

Financial literacy

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 8, March 15
 This class is for those who need help understanding banking and credit. During two class sessions, bankers from Centier will use the FDIC Money Smart Education Curriculum to discuss the basic skills needed to open a bank account and build a relationship with a financial institution. Register at 769-3541, ext. 309.

LOWELL / 696-7704

Bus trip to flower and garden show

The Friends of the Library is hosting a trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier on March 12. Fee is \$20. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Admission at the door for show is \$14 for adults and \$6 for children.

New videos

The library has new non-fiction VHS movies including *The Story of the Grand Canyon*, *The Golden Gate Bridge*, *Worlds Most Mysterious Places*, *The Story of Yellowstone Park*, *National*

Parks of the West by Train.

Garden series

7 p.m. Feb. 27
 Arborist Russell Hodge will discuss tree hazards and proper pruning.

Acrylic painting

9:30 a.m. Feb. 21
 Paint "Winter Covered Bridge." Fee is \$13.

Basket weaving

6 p.m. Feb. 21, Feb. 28
 Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to weave the "Williamsburg" basket. Fee is \$24.