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# John Menihan's work to be featured

A three-week retrospective featuring the works of the late John C. Menihan will take place at St. John Fisher College and Nazareth College, April 25 to May 15, in celebration of the artist's distinguished career and preeminent place in the local arts community.

Sixty of Menihan's lithographs, featuring scenes that evoke urban and rural life, will be on display in Fisher's Elaine P. Wilson Lounge of Haffey Hall. The gallery of the Nazareth College Arts Center will present 65 of Menihan's watercolor paintings, noted for their expensive strokes and vibrant hues. Each campus will host an opening reception for the retrospective on Friday, April 29, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The retrospective is planned as a tribute to Menihan by the colleges, both of which enjoyed longstanding ties with the artist. Fisher houses Menihan's portraits of the late Bishop James E. Kearney and Father Charles Lavery, second president of the college. Nazareth's Lorette Wilmot Library showcases one of Menihan's impressive liturgical works, a stained-glass window depicting St. Jerome, patron of librarians.

During his six-decade career, Menihan was one of the most prominent artists in upstate New York. Displaying great versatility, he created works and earned renown in a variety of media, including oil painting, watercolor, printmaking, drawing, and relief sculpture. Regarded as the region's leading portrait artist, he painted oil, tempera, and acrylic portraits of many of Rochester's most distinguished citizens.

The last student of master lithographer Bolton Brown, Menihan upheld Brown's tradition of excellence in printmaking in a body of 100 lithographs that rival the finest work of regionalist and American Scene printmakers. He also designed and executed many large-scale relief murals, and produced a variety of two- and three-dimensional liturgical works for Rochester-area churches.

Menihan's work is represented in the collections of the British Museum in London, the Boston Athenaeum, the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., the New York Public Library, and other institutions.

The Menihan retrospective is curated by Ron Netsky, professor and chair of the Nazareth College Art Department. As part of the tribute to Menihan, Netsky will present a lecture about Meni-



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han's that are held at the Memorial Art Gallery. The lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m., inside the Memorial Art Gallery.

The Menihan family has produced a full-color catalog of the lithographs and watercolors that will be available for purchase at the colleges during the retrospective. In addition, other institutions that house works created by Menihan have been invited to open their collections to people interested in seeing the variety of Menihan art in the Rochester area.

The exhibit at St. John Fisher, spon-

sored by the Joan and Herb VandenBrul Creative Arts Fund, and the exhibit at Nazareth, sponsored by Dr. Rose Marie Beston, president of the college, will be open for viewing at the following times from April 25 to May 15:

Lithographs: The Elaine P. Wilson Lounge, Haffey Hall, St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Ave., Pittsford; noon-6 p.m. daily.

Watercolors: Arts Center Gallery, Nazareth College of Rochester, 4245 East Ave., Pittsford; Mon-Fri., 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. and Sun., noon-5 p.m.

#### Admission is free of charge and both

### All-day fair is April 30 at Elmira monastery

ELMIRA – The Dominican Monastery of Mary the Queen, 1310 W. Church St., will begin celebration of its golden jubilee by holding an all-day fair on Saturday, April 30.

Events will include a yard sale from 9 a.m.6 p.m.; midday prayer at 11:40 a.m. and Vespers at 4:30 p.m. in the monastery chapel; door prizes; concessions; a benefit raffle of cash prizes and a quilt handmade by the Sisters of the Order of Preachers; a miniature horse and baby lambs for children to pet; and musical groups and clowns.

With the exception of clothing, donated items such as appliances, furniture, tools, kitchen articles, antiques, crafts, games, religious articles and baked goods are still being accepted for the yard sale. Those wishing to donate items should contact the monastery at 607/734.9506.

The monastery will also commemorate its 50th anniversary later this year by hosting a liturgical celebration on Aug. 13, with Bishop Matthew H. Clark presiding.

## Hornell hospital set to honor employees

HORNELL – The second annual "Special Touch" campaign is underway at St. James Mercy Hospital, 440 Monroe Ave.

Community residents are asked to nominate a hospital employee who made a difference to themselves or family members while they received treatment at the hospital.

Nominees will receive special gifts and also be featured on a picture board in the hospital lobby, along with excerpts from the nominating entry, during National Hospital Week from May 9-13.

Nomination forms are available in all hospital departments and various health-care facilities in the Hornell area. Call 607/324-5675 for information.

### Raffle drawing May 10

BRIGHTON – A grand prize of \$10,000 in cash, or a 1995 Dodge Neon, is being offered in this year's annual raffle at Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Poad

### James Douglass to appear at upcoming conference on nonviolence

ROCHESTER – James Douglass, a leading Catholic activist and thinker on nonviolence, will deliver the keynote speech at an all-day conference, "The Search for Nonviolence," on Saturday, April 30, at St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 S. Goodman St.

Douglass will speak on "The Noviolent Coming of God" from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. From 1962-65, he served as theological adviser to the Catholic bishops at the Second Vatican Council on questions of nuclear war and conscientious

objection.

In 1968, he authored The Nonviolent Cross, and has since written Resistance and Contemplation in 1972, and The Nonviolent Coming of God in 1991, a book which received the Pax Christi Book Award and First Place for Spirituality Books given by the Catholic Press Association.

Along with his wife, Shelley, he helped found Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Seattle, Wash. In the course of a civil disobedience campaign against nuclear submarines, Douglass was jailed for 18 months.

His speech will be followed by morning and afternoon workshops on war; capital punishment; abuse of women and children; racism; economic justice; and abortion.

The cost is \$10 for workshops only; \$15 for workshops and lunch. To register, send a check payable to St. Bernard's Institute. The address is St. Bernard's Institute, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, N.Y. 14620-2545.



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Tickets are \$25 each. The drawing will take place on May 10. To purchase tickets, call Sister Ann Carapella at 716/288-2610.

### Navy seeks candidates

The Department of the Navy is seeking priests and seminarians to serve as chaplains for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

For information, contact Father Carroll Wheatley, Navy Recruiting Area One, 1 Amsterdam Road, Scotia, N.Y. 12302-9462, or call 1-800-772-9767, ext. 315.

### Alumni group forming

ROCHESTER – Holy Rosary School, 420 Lexington Ave., is seeking members for its newly established alumni association.

If interested in joining the group, drop a note to the school or call Cece Northrup, 716/458-8329; Barb Predmore, 581-1048; or Judy Potash, 254-6461.