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## Local Artist Prefers Amateur Status

For Marshall Gilbert of Palisades, art is a uniquely personal experience. He has enjoyed drawing and painting as long as he can remember and the works he has created since 1954 have become "like a calendar of my life". Gilbert has chosen not to offer his works for sale because each is representative of a moment in time. It is, therefore, his desire to pass them on to his children as a family legacy.

Gilbert has time to create only two or three items a year because of his hectic business schedule. He looks forward to retirement as it will allow him time to experiment with new techniques and produce whenever he is inspired, although he has no wish to become a professional artist. Rather, he hopes that art will always remain his way of recording his own life experience. Commercialization would destroy this for him.

Gilbert's training has been as unique to him as his attitude toward art. He is largely self taught, having acquired his skills through experimentation based on conversations with other artists and visits to museums around the world. A fifteen month stint in Germany as a First Lieutenant in the Army afforded him the opportunity to spend much time frequenting the well-known European museums.

Gilbert works in a variety of mediums including: oils, pen and ink, pencil, pastels and charcoal. He has developed what he believes to be a new technique--stippling in oils--which he achieves with paper towels. Stippling involves making slight touches on wet paint. These touches produce minute speckles which together create a softly graded shadow effect.

Below is a reproduction of Gilbert's pen and ink rendering of the Palisades General Store.



The themes of Gilbert's work are as varied as his techniques: woodland scenes, urban landscapes, family portraits, and European towns.

Professionally, Gilbert is head of a division of Spring Mills Corporation where his activities include carpet design. He is also a graduate of the Brooklyn Law School, though he is not presently a practicing attorney.

Samples of Gilbert's work can be viewed occasionally at the Hopper House in Nyack as he submits paintings and drawings to member's shows.

Kathy Poppen

### Palisades Free Library

#### Terrific Films to Kick The Winter Blahs!

All free; all on Thursdays at 7:30 PM; all at the Library. Children under 12 need an adult. Including: HARD DAYS NIGHT (2/7) THE GREAT GATSBY (2/28), others.

#### Making Valentines

Come on February 14 at 4:15 if you are 6 to 11 years old. For a 25¢ fee you may design a superhero valentine. Bring along your comics for pictures and ideas. Then bury the name of your secret valentine of 1980 in a time capsule.

#### Coupon Exchange

Exchange coupons you don't need for some you do..Bring your unused coupons to the Library and put them in the basket on the desk. Take out the coupons you can use.

### Palisades Community Center

We hope the children and the adults of our community enjoyed the Christmas celebration sponsored by the Center. Our thanks to the Sparkill-Palisades Fire Department for their prompt delivery of Santa, and to him for spending so much time with us.

Seven new Directors have joined our Board and we hope you will suggest the kinds of activities you want to see at the Center. Sincere thanks to those Board members whose terms have expired because everyone's contribution is important.

On Monday, Feb. 18 at 8:15 PM, a series of films on swimming skills, rescues, and white water canoeing and sailing, will be shown by Nellie Knudsen, a Red Cross water safety instructor. There is no charge.

I would like to thank everyone who thought to send membership fees early in January. It is encouraging to know that you recognize the attributes of our lovely old building.

Edith Ryan

### Works of Art

This year's "Artists at Work" program will continue through Feb. 24 at the Thorpe Inter-media Gallery in Sparkill. Sculptor, Hank De Ricco, painter/sculptor, Eric Bowen and fabric artist, Mette Bowen will create and share their works in progress with the public.

Call the Gallery at 359-6400 for information about dates.

## On Stage

A one-act play in story and song will be presented at the Rockland Center for the Arts on Feb. 3 at 2 PM by actor Harry Davis of Palisades. The play, PEOPLE OF THE SHADOWS, was written by Norman Rosten especially for Davis.

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## Plays

Three original one-act plays by Rockland writers will be given staged readings at the Center on Feb. 23 at 8 PM and Feb. 24 at 4 PM. Call the Center, 358-0877, for more information.

## Scouts

Palisades' newly-formed Junior Girl Scout Troop #57 has been busy with a variety of activities. We have acquired uniforms, chosen the clover leaf as Troop crest and started on the business of earning badges.

Divided into three patrols - Mighty Midgets, Super Friends and Baby Bee Gees - we have learned fire-building techniques, jack-knife safety and usage and tree-leaf differentiation; had two cook-outs and two parties. We also toured the Dollhouse Exhibition at the Rockland Historical Society.

Presently we are planning events to earn money for a Spring trip to Washington, D.C.

Carol McGann-Finck

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## Calendar of Events

- FEB. Films at the Palisades Library, Thursdays at 7:30 PM  
FEB. 3-PEOPLE OF THE SHADOWS, Rockland Center for the Arts at 2 PM  
FEB. 14-Make a Valentine at the Library, 4:15 PM (25¢ fee)  
FEB. 18-Water Films at the Palisades Community Center at 8:15 PM  
FEB. 23 & 24- One act plays, Rockland Center for the Arts



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