

Family Living

Guardino Gallery Presenting The Work of Thomas J. Botkin and Joe Macca

Returning to a two person show format, the Guardino Gallery will be presenting the work of two artists, Thomas J. Botkin and Joe Macca, both from MFA program at Portland State University. An opening reception will be held for the artists on Art on Alberta's Last Thursday, January 28, 6 to 9 pm.

Thomas J. Botkin will be showing concrete sculptures, "flips" and "flops" as he calls them "Flips" are made of concrete poured into molds and then flipped over to reveal the texture and smoothness of the material. A "flop" is a more organic free form sculpture, resembling lava flows.

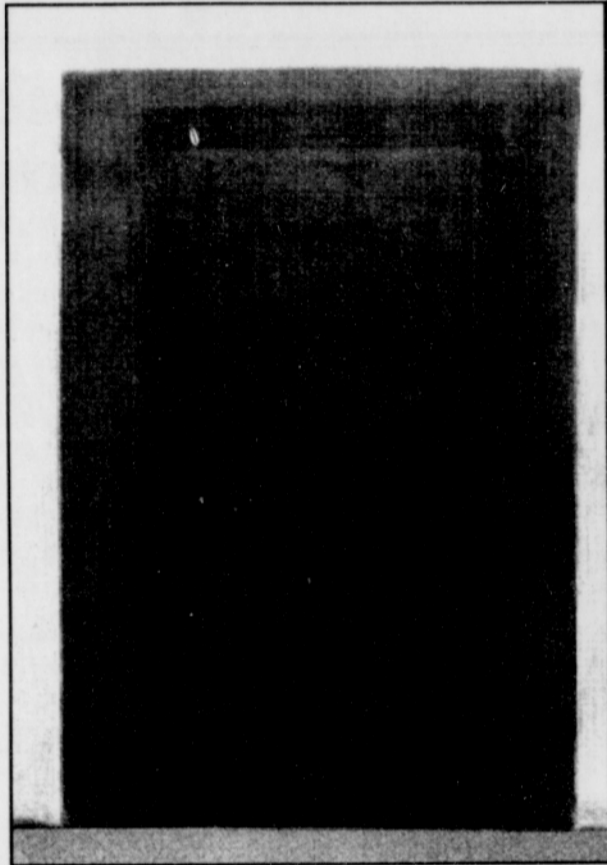
Botkin was born in Korea and raised in the United States. Through his work he has explored his heritage by creating Zen rock gardens and sculpture that could have been produced by volcanic forces. The familiarity of concrete makes it easy to overlook, but Botkins sculptures elevate it in the aesthetic eye.

Joe Macca uses acrylic and dry-wall compound on canvas and various surfaces, all in a small format. Some of his painting are no larger than 3" X 5" and up to 9 1/2" X 10".

His paintings are symbolic of portals, windows or doorways. He calls them "intimate windows, transitions

from one place to another place."

The Guardino Gallery is located at 2939 Alberta Street (the corner of Alberta and 30th). The Gallery is open every day, but Monday. Call for hours and more information, 281-9048.



Thomas J. Botkin (sculpture)

Joe Macca (paintings)

Housing Authority Of Portland Signs Unique Agreement To Cut Operation Costs And Increase Services

Senator Mark O. Hatfield, HAP Executive Director Denny West, and HAP Board Chair Howard Shapiro. Rod Solomon, HUD's Senior Director for Policy and Legislation for Public and Indian Housing has been invited to attend.

Moving to Work Demonstration: a rear chance for HAP to test ways to cut operation costs and increase program participants' self-sufficiency opportunities and choice of where they live.

The event will be on Thursday, January 14, 1999 at 10 am, at the Columbia Villa/Tamarack Community Room, 9811 N. Woolsey, Portland, OR.

HAP is pleased to announce the start of a five-year demonstration program designed to increase efficiency and benefit residents substantially. Taking advantage of deregulation opportunities, HAP's Moving to Work demonstration will allow the agency to reduce costs, freeing up funds to expand self-sufficiency and housing choice opportunities for its residents.

"The biggest challenge that we face is actually to reduce costs without reducing service. It's one thing to say that we are but quite another thing to actually do so," said Denny West, HAP Executive Director. "Little did we know, when we started over two years ago, that this would be such an intense and demanding experience. It has been a challenge for both HUD and HAP to think out of a decades old box.

Scheduled to speak at the press conference are Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, HAP Executive Director Denny West, HAP Board Chair Howard Shapiro, Section 8 Landlord Sharon Fleming-Barrett and a participant in HAP's self-sufficiency (GOALS) program. Rod Solomon, HUD's Senior Director for Policy and Legislation for Public and Indian Housing has been invited to attend.

The concept of the Moving to Work demonstration resulted from Sen. Mark O. Hatfield's efforts to deregulate federal programs and to stimulate local creativity. The senator joined with federal and state of-

ficials in creating The Oregon Option, a memorandum of understanding that allowed flexibility without regulation in meeting many social service needs. The Oregon Option programs were evaluated through a series of benchmarks. Sen. Hatfield also sponsored a similar concept in The Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act of 1995. In 1996, the Mov-

ing to Work demonstration carried these concepts to federal housing programs.

HAP submitted its Moving to Work proposal to the HUD in 1997, and after extensive scrutiny, an agreement was reached on the demonstration program this week.

In preparing this proposal, HAP focused on increasing local input in

order to make HAP programs responsive to local needs. Numerous meetings, door-to-door contacts, and presentations took place within the community that included Public Housing residents, Section 8 participants, 35 agencies, the Multnomah County Commission, and the city councils of Gresham and Portland

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