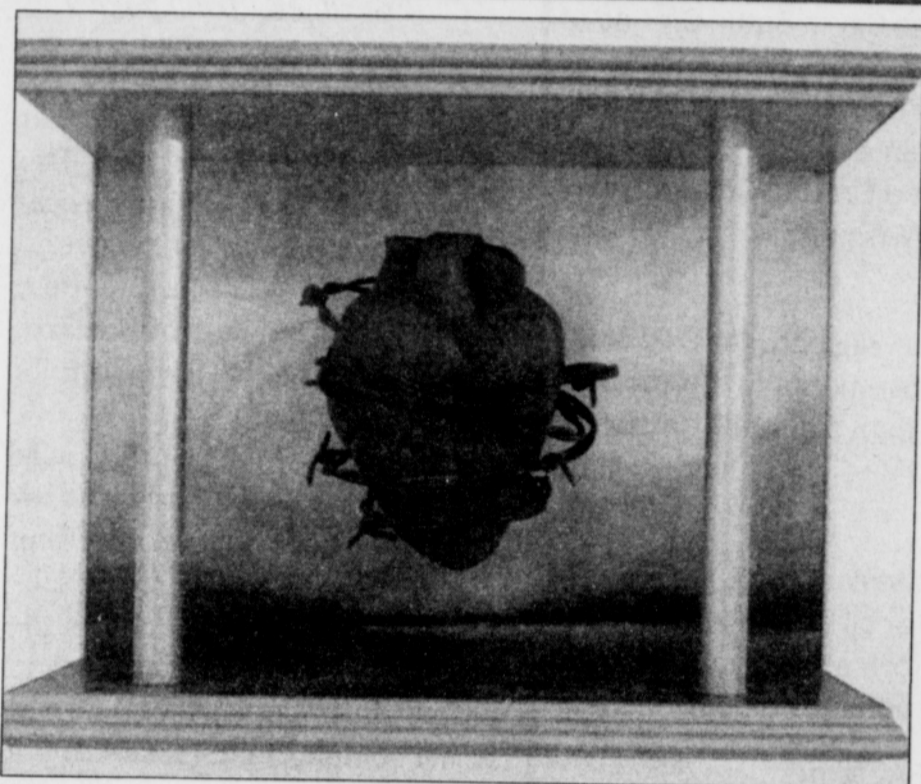


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Carved bass wood, barded wire and paint by Karen Van Hoy



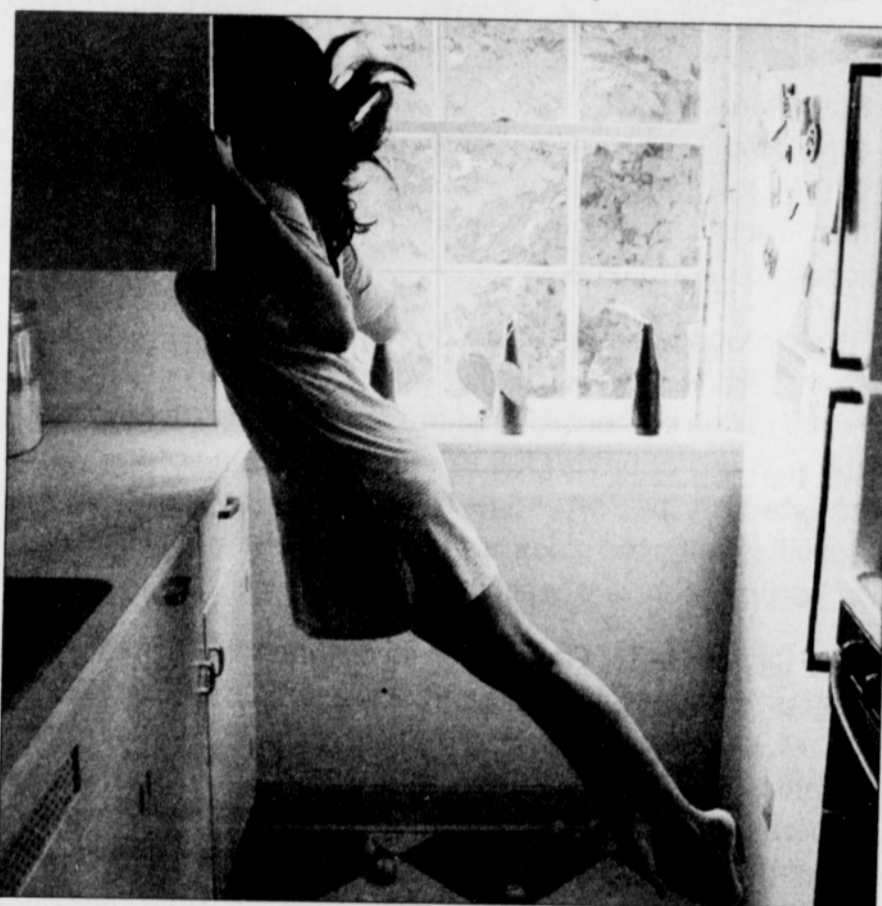
A painting by Alison O'Donoghue captures the February 'hearts' theme for Guardino Gallery's featured area.

Heart of the Matter

February brings "The Heart of the Matter," a group show about the heart at Alberta's Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

The gallery's feature area will spotlight a show about everyone's favorite image for a month that's anchored to Valentine's Day. Seventeen artists put their special take on hearts for the month-long exhibit. This is the fifth year for this popular group show.

The main gallery will feature intricate constructions by Daniel Castelaz that he refers to as "objects." Soumya Jayaraman, a fine art photographer, shows some of her surreal images from photo shoots and post production elements.



'Looking for a mid-afternoon snack,' a photograph by Soumya Jayaraman.

Lining Up for Image Awards

Comedian, author, radio and talk show host Steve Harvey will host and Samuel L. Jackson, Jamie Foxx, Queen Latifah, Wanda Sykes and Tony Goldwyn will be part of an all-star line-up to present at the 44th NAACP Image Awards.

The live broadcast from Los Angeles' historic Shrine Auditorium will take place Friday, Feb. 1, from 8-10 p.m. on NBC.



Steve Harvey

"I'm honored to be hosting the 44th NAACP Image Awards, and celebrate the variety of film, TV, literary, music contributions, and special honorees this year. We're live on stage, got great things in store for the night!" Harvey said.

The NAACP Image Awards is

the premier multicultural awards show. It celebrates the accomplishments of people of color in

the fields of television, music, literature and film, and also honors individuals or groups who promote social justice through creative endeavors.

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