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YSU's Management Institute also distributes a pamphlet detailing several of their workshops. For more information, contact the School of Education's Department of Administration and Secondary Education at (216) 742-1930.

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The exhibit, "A Visual Celebration of Women," is sponsored by the gallery and the University's Women's Resource Center in observance of Women's History Month.

The more than 32 entries were judged by B.J. Clayton, director of the Student Center Art Gallery at Kent State University.

First prize was \$50. The second prize of \$25 went to Opal Shelton of Boardman for her life-sized wood sculpture entitled "Housewife." Honorable mention went to Mary J. Kerr of Miami, Fla., for her photograph, "Rehobeth Beach."

The gallery is free and open to the public. An artists' reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 26. Gallery hours are 10-4 Monday, Thursday and Friday; 10-7 Tuesday and Wednesday; and 11-3 Saturday.

In addition to the art works, the gallery will show four movies:

March 7- noon and 4 p.m. - "Right Out of History: The Making of Judy Chicago's Dinner Party."

March 8- noon, 4 and 7 p.m. - "The Artist Was a Woman," a survey of women artists.

March 9- 4 and 7 p.m. - "Alice Neel," the artist comments on her work.

March 10- noon and 4 p.m. - "World of Light: A Portrait of May Sarton."

The Women's Resource Center will also sponsor the free docu-drama, "Herstory," at 8 p.m. March 3, 4, and 5 in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.