



Allen Bentley's "Fire," 2007

GALLERY GOINGS-ON

» Carolyn Plochmann's Gifts. This exhibition of figurative, landscape and abstract paintings and drawings from prolific southern Illinois painter Plochmann is a selection of more than 65 works donated by the artist to the museum, the largest gift in the institution's history. Feb. 11-April 4. *Illinois State Museum Chicago Gallery, James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., 312-814-5322.*

» Allen Bentley: Heat. Dancers whirl in a blaze of fiery reds and oranges in this solo show of Bentley's stunning, kinetic oil paintings. Feb. 8-March 29. *Melanee Cooper Gallery, 740 N. Franklin St., 312-202-9305.*

» This Land is Your Land. Seven American and non-American contemporary artists offer their differing perspectives of the United States—from comments on current events to enduring American stereotypes—in this thought-provoking exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Photography. Feb. 1-March 22. *Columbia College, 600 S. Michigan Ave., 312-663-5554, www.mocp.org.*

» Clive Barker. Best known as the writer/director of stylish horror flick "Hellraiser," this multi-talented Brit presents a solo show of his fantasy-inspired paintings. Through Feb. 16. *Packer Schopf Gallery, 942 W. Lake St., 312-226-8984, www.packergallery.com.*

Guidelines

This directory, grouped by category, is a compendium of establishments recommended by the editors of where magazine and includes regular advertisers. In general, commercial art galleries and antiques shops are concentrated in three areas of Chicago:

River North: Billed as the second-largest gallery district in the country (after SoHo in NYC), this old manufacturing and warehouse district is now home to a wide range of galleries, ranging from contemporary to classical in focus. You'll also find a number of impressive antiques shops, all within easy walking distance. River North, which began building its inventory of galleries in the 1970s, is bounded by the Chicago River on the south and west, Division Street to the north and Wabash Avenue to the east.

Michigan Avenue: Many mainstream galleries find a home in the Gold Coast neighborhood and on the Mag Mile. Stores, restaurants and other attractions are punctuated by a number of fine galleries.

West Loop: The most up-and-coming of the city's gallery districts, this area is in the midst of explosive gentrification due to an ever-increasing number of luxury condominiums, excellent dining on West Randolph Street, and exciting galleries that tend to be more avant-garde. West Loop boundaries stretch from the south branch of the Chicago River to Rockwell Street, and from Kinzie Street to 17th Street.

The information in these listings is subject to change. It is therefore best to call in advance of your visit.

MAP LOCATIONS

Note that the references at the end of each listing (**Downtown: H-5; Metro: J-9**, etc.) refer to the coordinates on the street maps on pages 60-63.

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Antiques

COLLETTI GALLERY—One of the world's finest collections of antique posters and decorative arts is featured at this Gold Coast gallery, including masterworks from the 1890s Belle Epoque and Art Nouveau eras through the 1920s and '30s Art Deco and Modern periods. The poster collection includes works by major artists such as Mucha, Toulouse-Lautrec and Cassandre. Decorative arts and furniture, too. *www.collettigallery.com.* Open M-Sa 10 am-6 pm; Su noon-5 pm; and by appt. 67 E. Oak St., (312)664-6767. El: Red to Clark/Division (**Downtown: G-5**)

DOUGLAS DAWSON GALLERY—This gallery specializes in ancient and historic ethnographic arts from Africa, Asia and the Americas, including ceramics, textiles, furniture and sculpture. On view through Feb. 16 is *Be Seated*, an exhibition of African furniture. The space also features a landscaped sculpture garden. *www.douglasdawson.com.* Open M-Sa 10 am-5:30 pm. 400 N. Morgan St., (312)226-7975 (**Downtown: J-3**)

GOLDEN TRIANGLE—Having moved into a mammoth, 25,000-square-foot new space in the historic Reid Murdoch Center on the north bank of the Chicago River, one of the nation's largest Asian antiques galleries just got even larger. The business concentrates

on British colonial furniture and rare finds from China, Thailand and Burma, and has also introduced the Chiang Mai Collection, a line of completely custom-made furniture ranging from rosewood benches to teakwood dining tables. *www.thegoldentriangle.biz.* Open M-Sa 10 am-6 pm; Th 10 am-7 pm; Sa 10 am-5 pm. 330 N. Clark St., (312)755-1266. El: Brown, Purple to Merchandise Mart (**Downtown: I-4**)

PRIMITIVE—One of the Midwest's largest collections of authentic artifacts, furniture, textiles, jewelry and clothing from around the globe, this gallery—a mammoth four-level, 30,000-square-foot space in the West Loop—features extraordinary collections from more than 100 cultures worldwide. The space also boasts a cozy library stocked with design books, as well as the **Buddha Room**, which features 12 murals depicting the life of Buddha from birth to nirvana. *www.bepimitive.com.* Open M-Sa 10 am-6 pm. 130 N. Jefferson St., (312)575-9600. El: Green to Clinton (**Downtown: J-3**)

Auctions

LESLIE HINDMAN AUCTIONEERS—The Midwest's leading auctioneer of fine art, this company conducts regularly scheduled exhibitions and sales of furniture and decorative arts, paintings, prints, drawings and jewelry. This month's auctions include fine books and

manuscripts (Feb. 7); post-war and contemporary art (Feb. 24); and American and European art (Feb. 25). *www.lesliehindman.com.* Open M-F 9 am-5 pm, or by appointment. 1338 W. Lake St., (312)280-1212 (**Downtown: J-2**)

Classics/Masters

ARCHITECH GALLERY OF ARCHITECTURAL ART—This River North gallery specializes in architectural art, such as drawings, etchings and engravings from the 18th to 20th centuries by architects like Daniel Burnham and Frank Lloyd Wright. On view through March 8 is *Hedrich Blessing Interiors: Architectural Photography of the 1930s*, featuring exterior and interior shots by the legendary Chicago-based architectural firm. *www.architechgallery.com.* Open Th-Sa noon-5 pm; and by appt. 730 N. Franklin St., Ste. 200, (312)475-1290. El: Brown, Purple to Chicago (**Downtown: H-4**)

ATLAS GALLERIES—Founded in 1967, these family-owned galleries feature many artistic styles and price ranges. Works range from Old Master prints by Rembrandt, Renoir and Whistler to original paintings, graphics and sculpture by contemporary artists such as Alvar, Bloch, Boulanger, Gauguin, McKnight, Miró, Phillips and Wilkinson. *www.atlasgalleries.com.* Open M-Sa 10 am-7 pm; Su noon-6 pm. The 900 Shops, 900