

Gallery shows art of the railroad

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NEWARK — Wayne County Council for the Arts will open a new exhibit Friday in its Main Gallery: a display of model trains by Robert Thon and “Trains” drawings by Sam Ferrara. An opening reception with the artists will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Wayne Arts, 108 W. Miller St.

Thon began making large-scale model trains in 1977 through his business called Roberts’ Lines. He has model trains in the Medina Railroad Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, as well as in Japan and France. Before retiring, Thon was a design engineer for Xerox as well as an electrical technician for the Mercury and Apollo Space Program.

Ferrara began painting images of trains upon entering kindergarten. Through his high school and college years he had many opportunities to watch trains and photograph them. “A high school art teacher suggested I incorporate the qualities of my photos into my fine art. Once I was into doing colored pencil, I began an analytical study of such rail artists as Terence Cuneo and Ted Rose.” Ferrara continued to experiment with the colored pencils providing him with whole new drawing experiences. He received degrees in art education from Buffalo State University and studied at University of Siena in Italy. He taught art at the Penfield Central School District for over 25 years. Recent exhibits have been at the Phelps Art Center and Finger Lakes Community College.

Richard Jacobsen’s oil paintings will be on display in the Chris Fayad Members’ Gallery.

The exhibits will be on view through July 12.

Wayne Art Gallery hours are noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and by appointment. Admission is free.

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