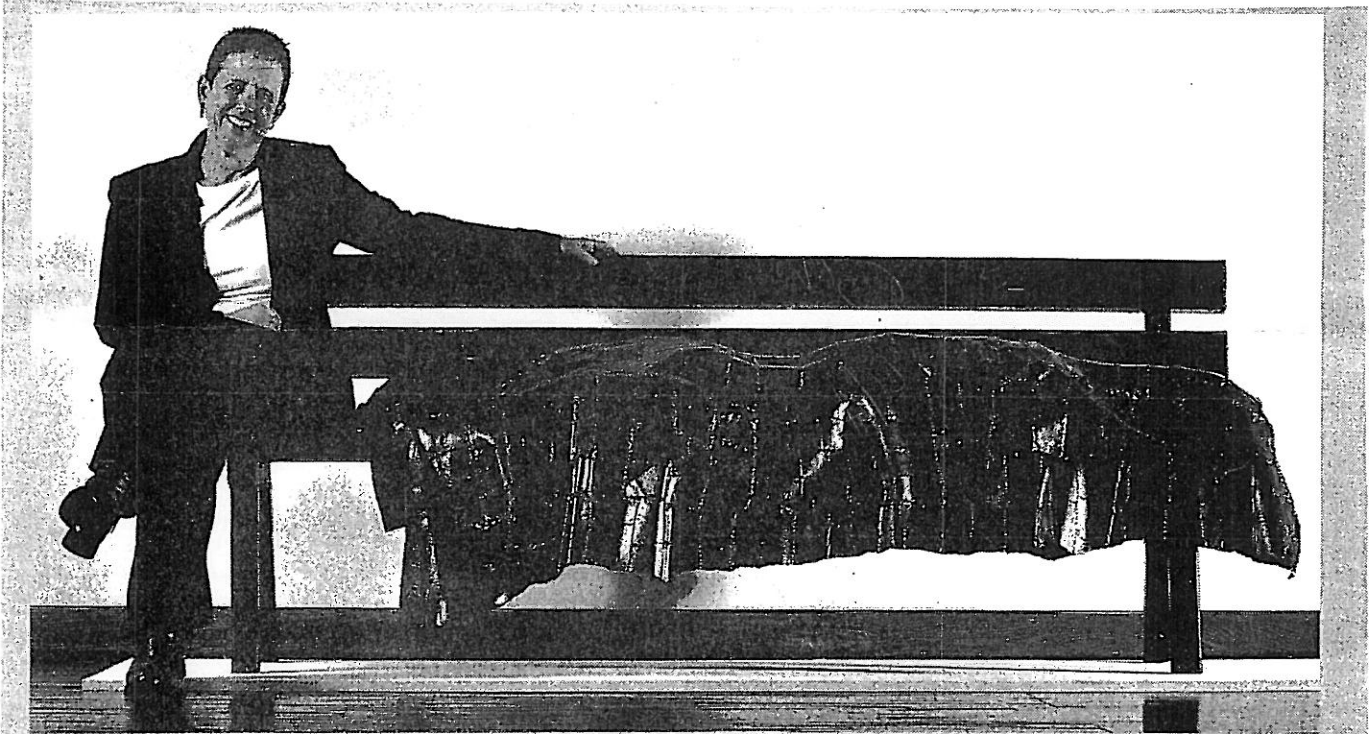




In the News

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Israeli sculptor Orna Ben-Ami was in Hickory to visit her show at the Hickory Museum of Art. Working with heavy sheets of iron, she creates everyday objects of startling softness, like this piece titled "Open House," which depicts the form of a homeless person covered with a quilt on a park bench.

'Softness of Iron' exhibit open June 12

An exhibition of 29 iron sculptures from the world-renowned Israeli artist Orna Ben-Ami will open at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Friday, June 12. "The Softness of Iron: Welded Sculpture" is replete with personal content that intersects with collective memories. The exhibition will be on display through Sept. 19, at the museum, which is located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University.

A reception to meet the artist will be held June 12 at the muse-

um from 5 to 7 p.m., preceded by a lecture by the artist at 4 p.m. in the museum. Those wishing to attend the lecture and reception are asked to RSVP by calling (989) 964-7082.

The artist's works portray simple, man-made objects from her immediate environment such as clothing, books and furniture examined from a young girl's point of view. Removed from their natural context, the objects undergo a material and contextual transformation. The resulting sculptures evoke an emotional

and cultural history, while simultaneously hinting at the broader human experience.

"The Softness of Iron' is the first exhibition by an international artist the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum has hosted and we are delighted that Orna Ben-Ami will be traveling from Tel Aviv to lecture about her work and attend the opening reception," said Museum Director Marilyn Wheaton.

Information, (989) 964-7125 or visit www.marshallfredericks.org.