

From Goofy Critters to Elegant Sculpture

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all — the ability to be purely emotional and unabashedly wacky,” Hewett says in her artist’s statement. “I love watching people react to my pieces with laughter. They aren’t meant to be taken too seriously, because they’re done in a spirit of fun.”

The works of Brady, Etkin and Hewett will be up through July 15. Visitors may view the art works during regular business hours. For more information, call the architectural firm at 278-6868.

SCULPTOR ROY TAMBOLI AND painter Holly Katz are the two featured artists in the current exhibition at Ledbetter Lusk Gallery in East Memphis.

“Attempting Love” is the title of Tamboli’s newest body of sculptures, which are inventively joyful and frequently beautiful works created from slender spirals of intricately incised bronze.

Imbued with a sense of yearning and longing, Tamboli’s graceful sculptures convey a sense of aspiration as well as of fulfillment. Abstract arcs and line intertwine sensually and even intersect outright erotically in oddly cold and distant works such as *Iron Lovers* and *Merging Lovers*.

Blissful domesticity is to be found in the brassy polished tubes ringed togeth-

er in *Family*, while love’s labor lost is reflected in the aptly passionless and rapidly wilting *Spent Resistor*.

Tamboli’s art works are included in such public and corporate collections as those of Harrah’s Entertainment, Promus Co., AutoZone Corp., Belz Enterprises, First Tennessee Bank, and Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Also on view are recent acrylic on linen paintings of Holly Katz. The large-scale (the majority are approximately 73” X 96” in size) abstract pieces are forceful and busied with contrasting shapes in flat colors.

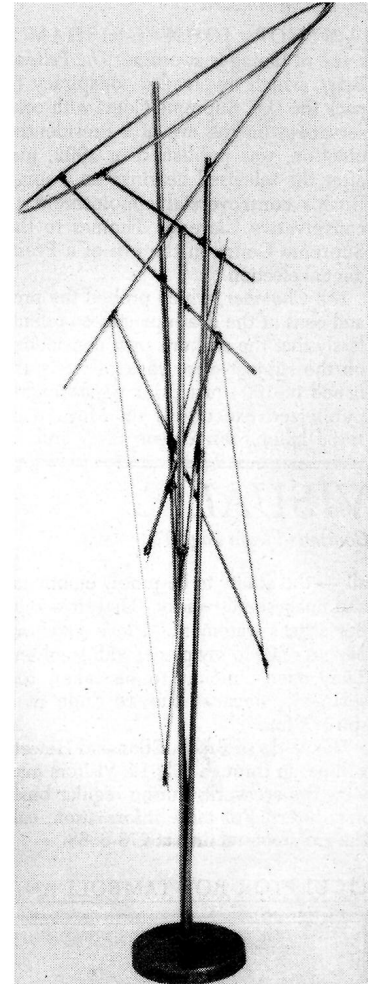
It’s the first Memphis exhibition for this New York artist, who studied with Susan Rothenberg at the Institute of Fine Arts in Santa Fe, and with Terry Winters at the Vermont Studio Center.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and by appointment by calling 767-3800.

Upcoming gallery exhibitions at Ledbetter Lusk include shows by Nancy Cheairs in September, followed by Michael Crespo and Guy Martin in November and Greely Myatt in November.

A group exhibition in December will follow a tree theme, and artists each will also create tree ornaments.

The 1997 line-up includes a show by Terri Jones in March, Mary Sims in October and a “big-name” exhibition, possibly featuring artists of the historic



Roy Tamboli's 108-inch 'Hero's Way'