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Peoria Art Guild

"Photocollages" is the title of a new show by Les Barta that has just opened at the Peoria Art Guild with a decidedly different way of looking at things. Barta, a self-taught artist, displays a highly imaginative and unique style in these works. Here, bits and pieces of photographs have been snipped, edited, re-arranged and fragmented, often using repeated images to achieve a faint suggestion of reality.

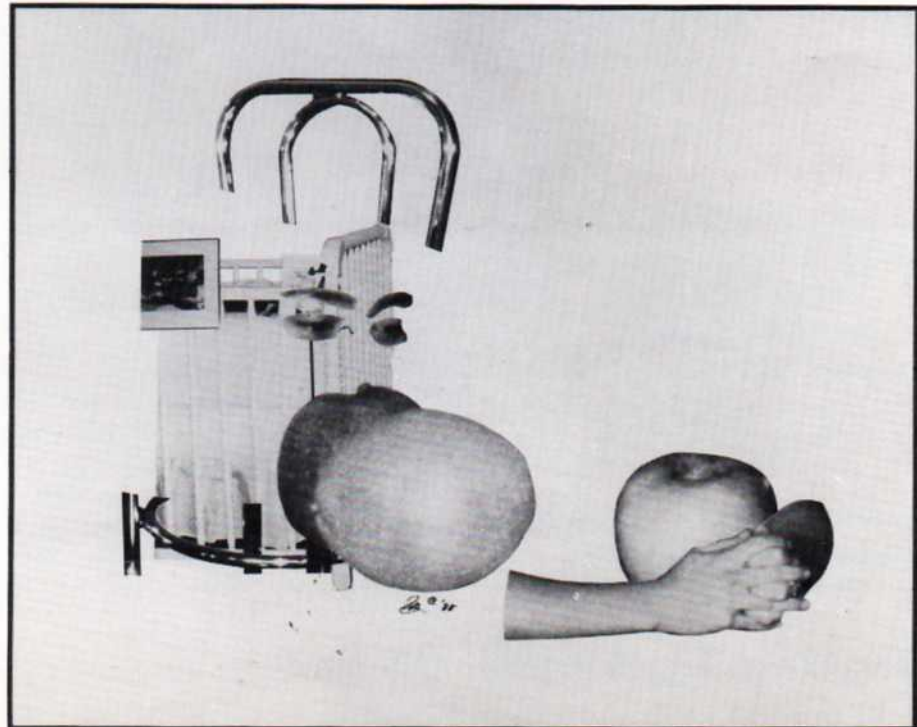
His "Girl by the Pool," for instance, consists of small images such as pieces of a swimming pool ladder, fence, a foot and a few other objects which require the mind to fill in the details. And there is an extraordinary beauty and texture in "Power Pole," in which telephone poles are seen in different perspectives. It is an interesting combination of the real and the abstract and makes for an unusual and highly interesting show.

Barta came to the United States from Hungary when he was 3. He gave up his tanning and sheepskin manufacturing business to work full-time on his artwork. His photocollages have been shown in galleries and universities across the country and the show will remain through March 9.

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Leslie Barta



" ' Reality ' is a means to an end.
It is not important what we see,
but how we use it."

Les Barta

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