

The Mascoma Plaque

The design for the Mascoma Plaque is based on a section of the historical mural painted by Bernard F. Chapman for the Mascoma Savings Bank in 1952 and recently removed to its present location in the bank. This detail depicting the Indian, Mascommah, fishing from a canoe has been used for years as an

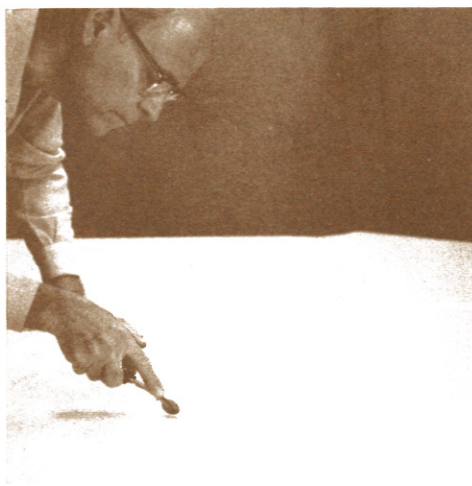
emblem of the Mascoma Savings Bank. A bas-relief of this emblem, rendered in metal by the same artist, now hangs as a wall plaque beside the entrance to the renovated and enlarged bank. The plaque is 48" x 54" in size and is hammered in heavy sheet aluminum.



After making a small scale drawing and a small metal plaque tooled in copper foil, the artist enlarges the drawing to full size on heavy white drawing paper.



The drawing is attached to a flat sheet of aluminum 3/32" thick. The paper protects the polished metal finish as the outline is cut out with a sabre saw.



A previously made drawing on tracing paper is now inverted upon the reverse side of the aluminum cut-out. Details are transferred to the back with a tracing wheel.



The beaten relief is produced by chasing, or pounding the back with chasing hammers and tools. Hammering is done against shaped wooden blocks held in a vise.



A reinforcing frame of aluminum structural angle is formed to give support to the plaque and to provide hangers for attaching it to the brick wall.



The face of the completed bas-relief is rubbed with rouge to give the metal the proper luster. Clear lacquer and wax will protect it against the weather.

The Indian Named Mascommah

Mascommah was a chief of the Squakheag Indians whose tribal lands reached far up the Connecticut River. Even after they abandoned living in this northern region, probably prior to the year 1700, they still traveled the waterways of their ancestral hunting ground in their canoes, hunting and fishing. The lake and river that still bear Mascommah's name were renowned fishing waters. Mascoma River was said to have been "almost solid with fish" during the shad spawning season, and while the Indians employed various fishing techniques the Squakheags were known among Indian tribes as "the people who catch fish with pointed spears". And so it seems appropriate that a tableau symbolizing this early tribesman spear-fishing from his canoe should serve as an emblem of the Mascoma Savings Bank and as a motif of its Mascoma Plaque.

The Mascoma Savings Bank

The Mascoma Savings Bank received its charter in 1899, and it has kept pace with the needs of the community as the years have passed. Since the present bank building was constructed on the corner of the park in 1952 this mutual savings bank, owned by and operated for the benefit of its depositors, has undergone several periods of expansion. Now its completely renovated and greatly enlarged area offers the public truly attractive, comfortable and convenient banking facilities. But still, the one quality of which we have been the most proud throughout the years has not changed — the friendly atmosphere within the Mascoma Savings Bank.

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