

The wild beauty of Batanes

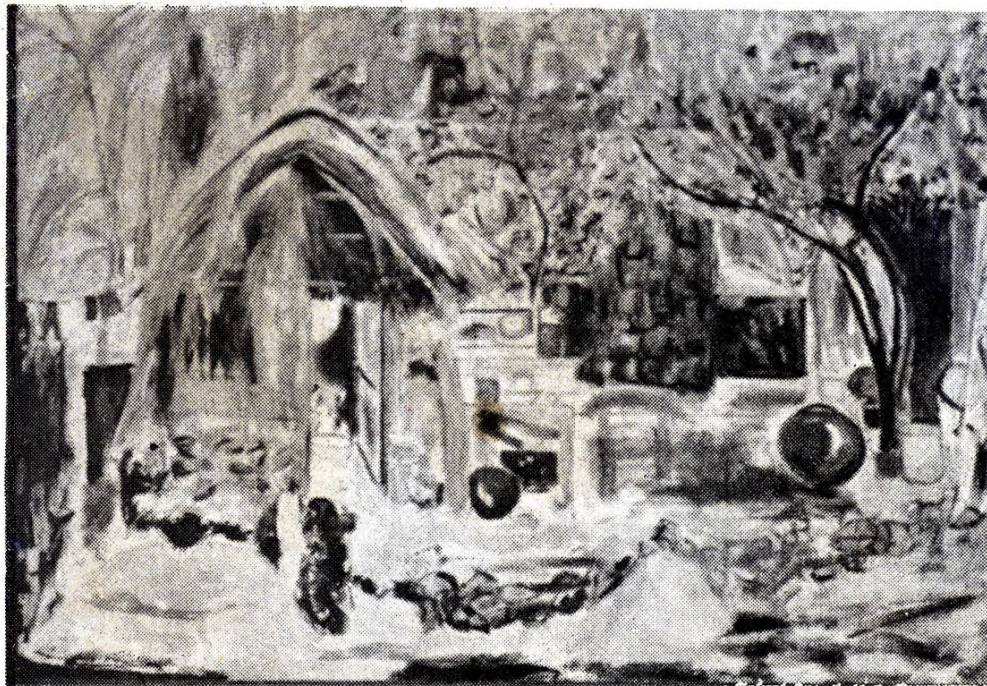
Expressionist painter Pacita Abad will exhibit 23 oil paintings, entitled "Scenes From Batanes" at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Small Gallery beginning 6 p.m. today.

Pacita was born and bred in Batanes, the windswept northernmost province of the Philippines. Although she has travelled extensively and lived in many parts of the world, Batanes is where she calls home.

Pacita's love for Batanes, which she considers a scenic paradise, is reflected in her bold paintings of lush rolling green pasture lands dotted with isolated farmhouses, rocky coasts and fishing villages nestled at the base of abrupt volcanic peaks.

She has also captured the inner strength of the hearty inhabitants, as many of her paintings portray the Ivatans going about their everyday chores with sullen determination.

This exhibit will be



Pacita Abad's "Panisanan" on show at the CCP Small Gallery from 6 p.m. today.

Pacita's 17th one-person show and her fifth in the Philippines.

Her recent exhibitions in Manila were at the Museum of Philippine Art, the Luz Gallery and the Pinaglabanan Gallery, where she is currently showing a series of social commentary paintings on the Philippines.

Pacita's primitive trapunto paintings have also been selected to represent the Philippines in the forthcoming con-

temporary art exhibition in Munich and Stuttgart, Germany to be held from May to September this year.