Examining nature's fury

By Claire Tremblay

YOU'VE seen the hailstorm, now see the art exhibition.

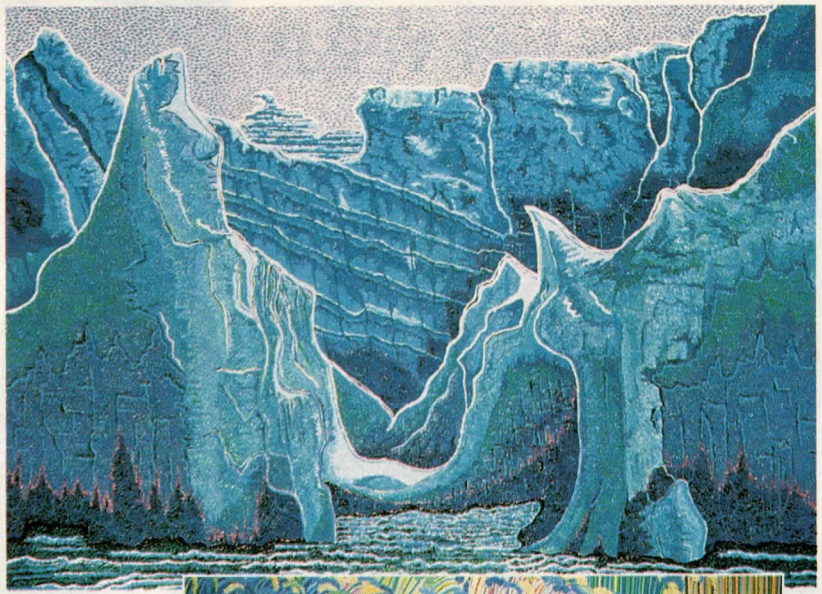
``Fire, Wind, Ice'', an exhibition of paintings by Bondi artist Sylvia Meissner, pictured right, will examine nature's fury in spectacular colour at Chatswood Chase next week.

With Sydney being battered by last week's hailstorm, the exhibition could not be more topical. However, the timing is purely coincidental – the artist spent a year preparing for the show.

``It's just amazing,'' Meissner said.

``Nature is sending its powerful message by demonstrating its supernatural forces to mankind.''

As well as sending a strong message to ``look after nature'', Meissner's exhibition of 33 oil paintings are a visual delight. Her paintings *Antarctic Blue, Desert Paradise, Golden Meadow, Mystic Deserts* and *Golden Sand Dune* are full of movement and vibrant colour.

The exhibition is Meissner's third show. Her other exhibitions, exploring the beauty of nature, met with critical acclaim in Hong Kong.

■ ``Fire, Wind, Ice'' will be on display at the Chatswood Chase shopping centre opposite the rotunda at the Victoria Street entrance between April 22 and 29. Proceeds from Sylvia Meissner's exhibition will go toward supporting World Wide Fund for Nature.