

Sculpture, painting, drawing lead community center's artistic offerings

For those with an artistic bent or those who'd like to create one, the place to be this spring is the Farmington Community Center, 24075 Farmington Rd.

Sketching, sculpture, painting and pottery are all on tap for beginners and advanced craftsmen.

Mothers and their pre-school children can take up brushes and palettes together in the Mothers and Tots class offered from 9:45-10:45 a.m. or 11-12 noon, Tuesdays, beginning April 19. Jackie Melissas, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and Wayne State University, will instruct the eight sessions, which are priced at \$28 for mother and one child. Additional tots in the family will cost \$14 extra.

Cassandra Pasini, Schoolcraft College art instructor, will teach two art classes for youngsters 8-11. From 10:11-30 a.m. Saturdays, beginning April 23, children 6-8 will become acquainted on an entertaining level with a sampling of various artistic media.

A class for youngsters 9-11 is offered from 11-45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays, beginning April 23 also. Each class offers six sessions at a cost of \$20, materials included.

AN INTRODUCTION to the basics of painting in oils or acrylics is offered to adults from 7:30-9 p.m., Thursdays, beginning April 21. Ms. Pasini will instruct the eight sessions for a \$32 fee.

Beginning and advanced students in painting in oils and acrylics can also sign up for the morning session classes taught by Marjorie Chellstorp, a member of the Garret Gallery and active in the Farmington Artists Club.

The course will cover 10 sessions for \$40 plus materials from 9:30-12 noon, Mondays, beginning April 4.

A North Farmington High and Eastern Michigan University graduate, Diane Denaro Frank, will instruct a class in charcoal and pastel drawing from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesdays, be-

ginning April 8. Ten sessions of instruction will concentrate on still life and figure drawing at a cost of \$30 plus materials.

Watercolor and drawing is also offered in a daytime course, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., Mondays, beginning April 4. Ms. Chellstorp will instruct the class for beginners and continuing students. The ten sessions are offered at \$30 plus materials.

Various techniques of pottery building will be offered in two courses instructed by Mary McIndoe, a member of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association. The two courses will be offered from 12:30-2:30 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning April 5, and from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning April 6.

Each course will include 10 sessions at a cost of \$30 plus materials. Emphasis will be placed on utilizing natural materials with high-fire stoneware to create mirror frames, weed sleeves, candleholders and other projects. A mini-textbook will be offered with a

complete guide to each project. Creative of expression is encouraged, and each student may do his own "thing" or the day's lesson. Mrs. McIndoe will fire class work in her studio for a nominal fee.

STEVE GOMBAL, presently teaching at the University of Windsor and a founding member of the Canadian Artists Association, will instruct a class in sculpture, from 8-10 p.m., Mondays, beginning April 4.

The 10 sessions priced at \$40 plus materials, will offer students an opportunity to select their own subjects, modeling a human or animal head or figure from clay. Students may work from photographs or sketches, or the services of a live model may be arranged for part of the sessions. Sketching in pen and ink will be offered in two sessions, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning April 5. Each course will include 10 sessions at a price of \$30 plus materials.

Instructor Frank Lohan, a graduate of Drexel University and a member of the Farmington Artists Club, will concentrate on pen and ink techniques for texturing wood, trees, barns, as well as still life and landscape features. Beginning students will complete a pre-outlined sketch each session, and advanced students will work on their own subjects at their own pace.

Sumi-e, Japanese style brush painting, rounds out the artistic spring offerings at the community center. Mary Bowman, who has studied under Japanese Zen masters, will instruct three courses in this Zen art form.

Schedules are: from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, beginning April 18; from 7:30-9:30, Tuesdays, beginning April 19; and from 1:30 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning April 20.

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An Afternoon Musicale

Six musicians, all members of Antioch Lutheran Church, will stage "An Afternoon Musicale" at 4 p.m. March 13. Gathering to rehearse for the event are Helen Anderson, (at left) clarinetist, Michael Rasmussen, trumpeter, Douglas Schultz, and soprano

Sally Bannin. The musicale is without charge and open to the community, in the church at the corner of Thirteen Mile and Farmington Road. (Staff photo by Harry Mauth)

Dems host Otterbacher

The Farmington Area Democratic Club is featuring State Sen. John Otterbacher (D-Grand Rapids) as its speaker at 8:15 p.m. March 10 in the Civic Center Office Building, Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills.

Otterbacher is a potential candidate for the governor's seat next year.

Swim lessons offered

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC) is offering swimming lessons Saturdays, March 19 through May 21.

The lessons will be at given at Farmington High School, 32000 Shawssee, and North Farmington High School, 32900 Thirteen Mile. Registration will be open until

March 18 at the recreation office, 31555 Eleven Mile. The office is open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$8.

Suits and towels must be furnished by the participants. Anyone with long hair must wear a bathing cap. Children who are less than 36 inches tall must be accompanied by an adult.

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