

Pastel is best in spring show

Jane McKanna is first place winner in the Spring Farmington Artist Club Show with her pastel painting "Rhodie."

The show will open Thursday, May 13, and continue through May 18 at the Spicer House in Heritage Park.

Some 101 paintings out of 216 entries were selected by juror August Gloss, a landscape and portrait painter. He has also done commercial work in the motion picture industry and the auto industry.

Of the first place winner Gloss said, "It is a beautiful use of color in pastels. The darks balance with the lights — the warm and the cool balance. The uses of grays are enhancing: it is a very comforting painting, it makes me feel good."

Henryka Olbrot's watercolor "Mountain in the Clouds" took second place. "It looks as though the artist was in control from start to finish. She didn't overwork it. It put me at ease," were the juror's comments.

Billie Thompson won two awards: third place with "Barely There," and the Grumbacher Award with "Bloomin'." Of "Barely There" he said, "It has a grabbing impact — the artist wasn't afraid to use color."

"Bloomin'" was awarded the Grumbacher Award because "it is the variety of shapes that appeal



Proud painter: Jane McKanna displays her "Rhodie," the first-place entry in the Farmington Artist Club's 1993 Spring Show.

to me," the judge said. "It seems like every area of it is well-blended. I like the choice of color and excitement of it. It looks like it was a joy to do. There isn't any

part of it I would change." Jeri Fellwock was given an honorable mention for "Celebrate." Gloss said "It has a lot of imagination: fantasy. The figures are moving, not standing still."

Other honorable mentions went to Lillian Langerman for "Floral Fantasy," Suzanne Bauman for "Going with the Flow," Anatoly Shapir for "The Quiet River," Marsha Weigand for "Still Life with Copper Pot," and Marjori Chellstorp for "Night and Harmony"

Theft of medicine is nothing to sneeze at

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Gesundheit. More than \$1,000 in cold and allergy medicine was stolen Tuesday from Perry Drugs on Farmington Road.

Farmington Public Safety detectives don't think the thief is anything to sneeze at, though. They're investigating the larceny and have a lead on one of the suspects.

"I suspect they will probably sell the stuff on the street and convert it for money for drugs," said Farmington Public Safety commander Charles Lee.

Thieves stole boxes of Tavist, Actifed, Comtrex, Contac and Dayquil. Packages carry the Perry Drugs logo.

The quantity reported stolen includes 84 containers of Actifed valued at \$528, 24 con-

tainers of Comtrex Day Night valued at \$114, and 30 containers of Tavist valued at \$165.

The theft occurred around 2:30 p.m. An employee became suspicious after a male and a female entered the store wearing bulky winter coats in 70-degree weather.

Also, the male did not appear to be shopping. He was standing near the female facing the counter.

The employee called for the store manager. Both subjects then fled through the front and left in a blue four-door 1990 Pontiac Grand Am.

The vehicle was seen going east on Nine Mile Road.

A check of the license plate found the vehicle registered to a woman. She has an outstanding warrant in an unrelated case.

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This column last discussed diet and arthritis four years ago. The conclusion then was: "a good diet is a good arthritis diet." That conclusion holds today.

Experience upholds initial skepticism over the worth of fish oil supplements. The hope was that a diet heavy in this substance caused a decrease in the body's inflammatory response. Subsequent investigations revealed that people needed to ingest a huge amount of fish oil to obtain a minimal effect on inflammation. On the other hand, the amount of fish oil needed for this response caused the individual increased risk of stroke.

Another idea that has not proved out is that of food allergy as a reason for joint inflammation.

What remains is that at times medical therapy proves inadequate as therapy for arthritis. There opportunity still exists for the unresponsive individual to have a cure consisting of vitamins undiscovered by scientists - or to put forward common foods such as eggplant, prepared in special ways, as a cure. These advocates insist they know something ignored by physicians "blinded" by science.

If you are in pain, such claims have appeal. However beware. Scam artists distract you with hope so they may attend to their real work of picking your pocket.

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