

Meeting April 28

Ethnic festival planners seek ideas

By CORINN AARAT

The first ethnic festival held last year at the Farmington Community Center was so successful that a second will be held this year, May 31-23.

The broad lawn around the center, the building itself, and even a handbell will be in continual use for this three-day winding cultural event.

While many groups are already committed for food, exhibits and entertainment, there is still time for others to become involved.

A MEETING OF ALL festival participants will be held at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. April 28. General Chairman John Allen will be presiding at this last general meeting before the colorful festivities kick off.

"Gateway to the World" is the theme which will encompass all of the activities. There will be authentic foods from treasured old world recipes prepared and served from the decorated booths under tents on the lawn. Snacks and complete meals

from Chilean empanadas and Mexican burritos to German bratwurst and Danish pancake balls, will be there for adventurous eaters.

The Sons of Norway will be serving open-faced sandwiches and Nordic pastries. The fragrance of Greek bread and olive oil will mix with the fragrance of Italian, Chinese and Bulgarian specialties.

There will be continuous entertainment on the grounds and at the handbell—some of the kind you can't see on television.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frontczak on Farmington, well known folk dance instructors, will lead some easy dances that all visitors will be invited to join. Frontczak who has had many years' experience in planning and staging ethnic festivals, is this year's honorary chairman.

MORE FORMAL dance presentations will be given by the Chinese Cultural Society, which will also stage a fashion show, the 30-member Croatian Kolo group, Armenian, Lithuanian and Israeli dance groups. Arts and crafts from many countries will be on display and for sale in the center

building. Everything from Finnish glassware and linens, India brass and wood carvings, Canadian moccasins, French dolls, African carvings and bone jewelry, hand-made Polish novelties, to German wood carvings and Chinese artwork, will be available.

Some of those working on the project, now less than a month away are Robert Amori, arrangements, Margaret Carter, arts and crafts, Florence Kaston, entertainment, Mary Andrews, international foods, Anne Laurie Stultz, American booth, and Mrs. Kenneth Ferris, bicentennial booth.

With practically all of the details worked out, the committee says there is still time for any group to participate. The important thing is to show up for the April 28 meeting and start asking questions.



This 200-year-old dress from Turkey is one of the treasures that will be displayed at the ethnic festival in the Farmington Community Center. Verda Jurul is the model and the hand-crafted brass mangal at her feet is a Turkish heater.

Green thumbs ready your tools

One of the sure signs of spring in the Farmington area is the announcement that it's time to reserve garden plots at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

College staffer William McNaughton says May 15 is the planting date and things are already under way for the best gardening year ever.

Those interested in acquiring a plot should send name, address and phone number to McNaughton, in care of Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. They may request a regular 15-by-15 foot plot or more than one.

McNaughton says he will mail back a plot number and an agreement form and a liability waiver to be signed. The gardener will then return the forms with a check for \$15 made out to the college.

It is not to use chemical fertilizers and chemical pesticides.

The written requests differ, from last year when those interested were asked to call the college. McNaughton says the written communications will speed responses and prove easier to handle.

A number of improvements in the garden area have been made. The windmill which brings water to the area from the Rouge River has a new generator. By the time the gardeners arrive with their seed and seedling plants, the plots will have been plowed and readied for planting. Last year 50 plots were used by area vegetable and flower growers.

McNaughton says the garden area between the river and the expway offers enough space for all who are interested. There is parklike close to the garden area.

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Bartman gets Guard award

Dr. Leroy Bartman, Farmington School District's director of personnel, has received the Richard D. Lang Award for excellence from the Selfridge Air National Guard Unit.

He also has been awarded the State of Michigan Legion of Merit Award for outstanding services performed that were beneficial to the 127th Tactical Fighter Wing and the Michigan Air National Guard. Bartman, a colonel and Wing director of Logistics at Selfridge, recently was presented the Lang Award for his job knowledge, development of new techniques, self-improvement and dedication in the Air National Guard.

He is past commander of the Selfridge Unit and was the first airman ever to be invited to the United States Adjutant General's Conference last month in Virginia.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit Award by Gov. William Milliken for creating one of the most dynamic and new worthy sections in the 127th Tactical Fighter Wing, which is stationed in Michigan.

Bartman also has been active in recruiting, fund raising and developing the historical Association of the Michigan Air Guard.



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