



On the spacious grounds

Plum Tree Pottery opens for guided tours May 16

By LOBANE MCCLURE

When Plum Tree Pottery opens its doors to tour guests May 16, they can go through the drawers and the closets if they want to," said John Glick, speaking from his home and studio compound at 2626 Two Mile in Farmington Hills.

Glick is devoting the Sunday to four talks and will change of his home, work studio, show room and green house as a benefit to the Farmington Community Center.

"The most of it will be showing how a potter and his far (by live) I will not be saying this is the 'greenhouse' or this is a kiln and then back, but I want to give some personal background and show them how I work so the insights they get

will lead to questions of why instead of how.

"The hours are superficial. This isn't meant to be a class of learning or a session to give technical information. It is meant to show the entire way we live and work; what strains we have and what joys we have," he said.

She is also keeper of the greenhouse and part time show room manager. Though she is currently on her way to changing roles.

She holds teaching degrees in both English and fine arts and will be going back to school for work in psychological testing.

When that happens Glick will be getting someone else to man the showroom because, even though it is open only four days a week, "those are crucial work hours for me," Glick said.

The potter, who is internationally known, has a steady 40-hour work week, and is one of not more than a dozen persons in Michigan who work full-time as a clay craftsman. The family has lived in the green farmhouse in Farmington Hills for the past 12 years.

Glick has supported the Farmington Community Center before, with lecture-side talks as well as tours, and prefers the tours because they "are more of

an intimate experience for all of us."

His tours this spring will be timed for a slower schedule than in the past, with a maximum number of tickets sold for each tour. He hopes that the event will be "most opening as well as eye opening" for the guests.

He is giving his time for the benefit, he says, because "Farmington has been good to us and good for us. And there is always a nucleus that stays and presses with questions after the tours. They let us know they are glad that we are here."

Tickets for two morning and two afternoon tours are on sale now in the community center at \$2 each. Parking arrangements are applied out on the tickets, which must be purchased in advance. There will be no tickets available at the door.

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In the showroom



Plants abound in the greenhouse

In the office—in the field it's still missionary work

By LOR INE MCCLURE

After 18 years of typing about and working for missions and missionaries in far away places, a dream came true for Virginia Jahnke, via a working trip to Alaska this year.

She's back in Farmington now, in her of five on the grounds of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, at 2626 Freedom Road. Her office is decorated with souvenirs from her mission experience.

The most unusual souvenir is a shoulder bone, taken from a moose killed on the road to the mission compound and used for meat. "That's an uncommon thing," she says, "and besides, the steaks are delicious."

A vase holds some tall dried grass and fire weed that Jahnke up out of the snow. She picked them on her way to work within the

mission compound in Gismallen, Alaska. Gismallen is 187 miles from Anchorage, the nearest town, she explains, "so it has to be quite self-sufficient and is almost a village within itself."

Called the Central Alaskan Mission, it is comprised of a radio station to provide emergency assistance, churches and their outreach programs, a hospital with its service training for nurses, and a Bible College.

MS. JAHNKE worked in the compound as secretary to the director, and lived there, believed with eight other women, some of whom will make a lifetime career as missionaries, some who are there for two or three year stints and some who are volunteers for only a short period.

She dispels the image of the missionary as someone in a jungle wearing a pith helmet by saying, "We're all missionaries

here," of the men and women who work on the spacious wooded grounds either for the crusade or for its Missionary Internship program.

The secretaries, bookkeepers and those of us who do a lot of mundane things are all necessary to back up and support those who are doing the real work out in the field," she says.

Currently the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade is backing up 200 field workers in Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, and most recently, Alaska brought in 45 a division of the crusade through a merger.

When the Alaskan Mission found itself without adequate secretarial help, Ms. Jahnke filled in until a replacement was found.

Prior to that, part of the job called for her to tour missions in the far east, but tours just don't do it. The real feel for what field mission work is all about just

doesn't come until you actually do it your self," she said.

THROUGH THE radio, church, medical and Bible college, the mission carries on an evangelistic outreach to Alaskans of varied ethnic backgrounds: the Indian, Eskimo, Aleut and Caucasian, and of later years, the personnel who live in the pipeline camps.

One of the facets of her stay, she treasures is seeing first hand how each of the units function separately, yet all work in together to get the job done.

Of the people who worked there, she described them as going through "an adventure of faith."

She carries in her missionary work back home by answering requests to speak at various groups and planning small meetings in homes where friends will feel free to ask questions and become involved in what we are doing.



VIRGINIA JAHNKE

Mary Dearborn talks at LWV spring lunch

The West Bloomfield-Farmington League of Women Voters has pledged to continue its study of an emergency medical service (EMS) for the area as well as a possible county or regional EMS system.

The study was adopted as part of the LWV's 1976-77 program after County Commissioner Mary Dearborn's talk on EMS at the league's 30th annual luncheon meeting held at Pine Lake Country Club.

Mrs. Dearborn (D-21), told league members, "What we have now in Oakland County, except for Southfield, is a couple of ambulances."

Southfield has an effective EMS system for its residents.

Adding that such a system has to be keyed to a police or fire department, she said the first thing Farmington Hills needs to do is get a professional fire department.

She favors a countywide system centralized at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. To do this, she said, "Local units will have to give up some autonomy."

Prohibitive costs plus the cooperation of a coordinating hospital are two factors standing in the way of such an area system, she said.

IN HER TALK, Mrs. Dearborn also criticized Oakland County's new executive form of government, saying it has "caused

many more problems than it has resolved."

She suggests changing the setup of the board of commissioners, decreasing its 17 members and going to a full-time board with members having staggered terms.

She also supports the county's having a charter "written by a charter committee elected in Oakland County. I'm afraid Public Act 136 (creating the existing system) has delayed that."

ALSO AT ITS annual meeting, the local LWV adopted, as part of its yearly program, continuation of study of West Bloomfield's updated master plan and study of public personnel hiring and promotion practices in the township.

Farmington membership voted to add a statement to its previous program, "Support the City of Farmington Hills Charter." The words "promote cooperation between and within branches of government" will be added to Part C, which reads, "Support distinct separation of legislative and administrative branches of government with a small, independent council to be elected at large on a non-partisan basis."

The LWV also elected the following officers: Rosemary Pitchcock, second vice president; Barbara Karlin, treasurer; Denise Davis, Emily Chaney, Ben Petropoulos and Mari Ross, all for the board of

directors. Officers continuing their term through 1978-79 include: Paula Tolman, president; Mary Lazarson, first vice-president and these directors, Joan McClure, Jo Roberts, Maria Rank, Sally Schwartz and Barbara Worthen.

Mrs. Tolman and Mrs. Rank attended the national LWV convention last week in New York.

THE LOCAL LWV will meet Wednesday, May 19, to hear guest speaker Dr. Dennis Tierney, chief of the Office of Environmental Review of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Tierney will talk on laws that protect inland waters, and the DNR's responsibility and role.

The meeting is being arranged and will be presented by the LWV Environmental Quality Committee, which will discuss the Rouge River system, pollution and recreation, including public access to the lakes and streams in the area.

Those invited to attend the meeting include Farmington Hills' and Farmington city councils, and West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills and Farmington planning committees.

The meeting (if held) at 7:30 a.m. at the Farmington Community Library, 2227 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills.



Kingdom Hall dedication

The Farmington Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will dedicate their reconstructed Kingdom Hall, 22882 Orchard Lake Road, during a two-day program, May 15-16. An open

house will be conducted from 1-5 p.m. May 15. Dedication ceremonies will be conducted by a special representative from Brooklyn, N. Y., J. C. Adams, at 9:30 a.m. May 16.