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26 nationalities join for ethnic festival '77

Twenty six nationalities will be represented in Farmington Community Center's ethnic festival, set this year for a three-day stay, opening June 3.

Final plans are winding up now for a host of committees under the direction of general chairman John Sprys, to bring arts and crafts, authentic ethnic food and costumed entertainment.

This is the third consecutive year for "Gateway to the World," given in the 100-year-old house on its country setting.

Booths with arts and crafts and imports are set up in the house. Twelve food booths will be housed in a huge outside tent with ample eating space for all comers. The entertainment will be continuous throughout the fair hours from an outdoor stage which is the base of a natural amphitheatre.

Operations chairman for the fair are Robert Amori and Will Schwehr, who have arranged for a something new this year, a dress parade.

THE DRESS PARADE will be part of the opening ceremonies on opening night, at 5 p.m., when foreign consuls and other dignitaries have been invited to participate.

Margaret Cotter is chairwoman for the arts and crafts. Annie Laurie Sultz and Joan LaVway chair the center food booths of American fare. Mary Andres chairs the ethnic food booths. Entertainment chairwoman is Florence Kaston.

Others on the fair committee are Betty Schwehr and Frank Smith. Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Frontczak will again be the festival's honorary chairpersons, lending their expertise.

Because all of the center and the grounds will be utilized, guests will park at the west end of the Oakland Community College campus. Free shuttle buses will run to the center every five minutes.

Fair hours are from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Admission to the grounds is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children, or \$3 for an entire family.



Ukrainian dancers from Our Lady of Perpetual Help church will lift their partners in the traditional dance when they return to the center's ethnic festival June 3-5.



Ekrem Omer explains the symbolism of the designs on a Turkish vase to a young visitor. He joins 17 other nationality groups bringing authentic imports to the festival.

AMERICAN INDIAN
ARMENIAN
BULGARIAN
CHILEAN
CHINESE
CROATIAN
DANISH
EAST INDIAN
FINNISH
FRENCH
GERMAN
GREEK
HEBREW
ITALIAN
LEBANESE
MEXICAN
NORWEGIAN
POLISH
RUSSIAN
SCOTCH
SPANISH
SWEDISH
TURKISH
UKRAINIAN
VIETNAMESE



Intriguing wares from France and Canada were brought to last year's festival by Madame Gauthier and will be back again as part of Farmington's spring event.

Da Vinci exhibit comes to library

The inventive genius and foresight of Leonardo da Vinci, who conceived of the flying machine and other developments that did not take practical form until modern times, is depicted in an exhibition opening June 3 in the Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 Twelve Mile.

It will remain through July 8. The exhibit of the 15th century artist-scientist's work, on loan from the IBM Corporation, includes 25 models built from his scientific and technical drawings.

Models in the show include both practical and theoretical devices. Among them are a paddle-wheel ship, an idea that was not successfully developed until the advent of steam power in the 19th century, a theoretical gear system that provided three speeds of rotation, as in the modern automobile transmission; and a device for determining the tensile strength of wire, information essential to the engineer five centuries ago, as it is today. DA VINCI WAS fascinated with the possibility of human flight, and devised many schemes for flying, including ornithopters, the principle support, and propulsion for which comes from flapping wings. A model of an ornithopter in the show follows an early design calling for a lattice-like wooden framework, two movable wings, a series of ropes and pulleys and a windlass.

This was to be operated by the flyer, lying prone in the framework.

Girl Scouts elect Virginia Detloff

Southfield resident Virginia Detloff was re-elected to another three year term as president of Southern Oakland Girl Scouts.

Election of officers and members-at-large to the board of directors is made by a delegate body assembled each year.

Mrs. Detloff's first vice-president will be Lora McGrath, of Berkley, and her second vice-president will be Nancy Gravus of Farmington. Mary Law, of Birmingham, takes the third vice-presidency and James Andres, of Royal Oak, was elected treasurer. Nancy Wheeler, of Troy was elected

Although daVinci considered war was "a bestial madness," he was one of the leading military engineers of his time, and made innumerable sketches for fortifications and weapons.

Models in the show include an armored tank, in which he foresaw a type of vehicle not extensively used until World War I, and a scaling ladder that resembles modern fire fighting apparatus, but which he designed for storming the walls of an enemy fortress.

As a scientist and engineer, he was always concerned with accuracy and measurement. The show includes models of his designs for a hygrometer, for measuring humidity, an anemometer for measuring wind velocity and an inclinometer for determining the degree of a slope.

THE FIRST SET of models of da Vinci's work, constructed in contemporary times, was built in 1938 for an exhibition in Milan, Italy. It traveled briefly, and during World War II it was completely destroyed by bombs in Tokyo.

Another group of models, built in the United States after the war, was acquired by IBM in 1951, and incorporated into the company's touring exhibition program.

All models are displayed with panels of explanatory material and sketches reproduced from da Vinci's notebooks.

To a three year term as secretary. Members-at-large elected to the board are Al Baglier, of Troy; Evelyn Beard, Carole McCollough, Rabbi David Nelson and Bernard Remer, all of Southfield.

Grace Gutsner, also of Southfield, was re-elected to the board. The 34 member board is responsible for Girl Scouting in 24 communities in Oakland County.

The Girl Scout Council is a Torch Drive agency with nearly 11,000 active Girl members, and nearly 2,000 adult volunteers.



SHAWN CONWAY

Shawn named to Who's Who

Shawn Conway, daughter of Loretta Conway, 25870 Dumas Court, Farmington, has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," from Northwood Institute.

She is a candidate for the bachelor of business administration degree with associate degrees in fashion merchandising and accounting.

Only four-year students earning their bachelors degree during 1976-77 and enrolled in Northwood at the time of nomination are eligible for the award.

2 students win scholarships

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