

Ray Fleming talks about design Oct. 8

By LORAIN McCLISH

Ray Fleming describes design as the interrelationships of form, color, line and space, that which pulls it all together to make a harmonious end result.

The Birmingham artist comes to the Farmington Community Center on Oct. 8 for the Fabulous Fridays Series lecture, "Ray Fleming Talks on Design." The morning affair gets under way with a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

The principles of design, having to do with taking diverse elements and creating harmonious relationships, apply to just about everything, he said. The interior of a living room, a window display, a wardrobe, coordinating the different rooms in a house to create a unified feeling. The same principles apply to a domestic situation as well as an art form.

Fleming has three lectures in his repertoire. He gives a critique lecture on paintings, one has to do with understanding abstract art. And the other is on the application of design.

Of the three, he singles out the one on design as the one most applicable to the most number of people "because it applies to most everything you do," he said.

HE BELIEVES that anyone can learn an art technique, how to weave, or make a pot, or fashion a needlepoint wall hanging. Given enough time and instruction you can master any art or craft, but that's not enough. You have to learn to apply it creatively, he said.

If one learns how to paint well, technically well, then he can duplicate any landscape and what it shows is technical proficiency. The creative key is not so much how to paint a tree, but where to place it on the canvas, and understanding where to place it is getting into the realm of design.

He disagrees with the term "natural born artist." The instinct could be a natural proficiency at drawing, but without color sense. Or a person could have both drawing talent and color sense, but wouldn't know where to put his forms or know how to arrange them into a suitable composition.

"Design is what comes of pulling all those facts together," he said.

A part of Fleming's lecture will concern light and dark, using Rembrandt's dramatic use of these elements, as an example of design application.

And he said he would probably touch on some abstract art "because it's closely related to design yet still so mysterious to so many people."

FLEMING IS NO stranger to Farmington. He has a number of art students from the area and has lectured before the Farmington Artists Club. He will also be jurying for that group's fall art show. Fleming's "Linear Forms: Space III" is a limited suite of watercolors, on display now through Oct. 18 in Robert Kidd Galleries at 107 Townsend in Birmingham.

And a one-man show of his work will open Oct. 9 in Hubert Gallery in Royal Oak.

Tickets for the lecture are \$3 each and are on sale now in the Farmington Community Center.



RAY FLEMING

Bucket Brigade workshop set

Dugby Sharp will conduct a Bucket Brigade all-district workshop at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 28 in Farmington Community Library, 32737 Twelve Mile. It is open to all members of the community interested in learning about the unique student-help program.

Residents who have a couple of hours a week to volunteer in the helping program are particularly invited. Now in its sixth year in Farmington, the group is dedicated to helping first and second graders get a firmer grip on the three R's.

At the workshop, materials and games used in the bucket sessions will be demonstrated. They are part of the bucket storehouse used to make learning come alive to youngsters.

A plus for the volunteer is that she becomes much more aware of her own child's intellectual needs, and can translate her new insights into painless home learning projects.

"BUCKET IS simply an extension of the classroom," says Mrs. Sharp. "All first graders get a sample of what it's all about. Classroom teachers and reading specialists add their professional guidance to the program, too."

She continues, "Because of that, there is no need for the volunteer to have any specific background, other than a love for kids and a desire to give them a chance for richer educational opportunities."

The workshop will have on display many of the materials developed by the Bucket volunteers. There will be demonstrations of handwriting activities, basic phonics, games that use number factors in a way

that's fun, word games, experience stories and vocabulary exercises.

The program can absorb almost any number of volunteers. They may work at

any of the 13 Farmington schools involved and usually in their own neighborhood school building. The workshop is free of charge. Pre-registration is not necessary.

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Community Calendar

HUNTERS SAFETY CLINIC

Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 27-28. Two-session Hunters Safety Clinic, 7:10 p.m. each evening, sponsored by Farmington American Legion, in Legion Hall, 31773 Grand River. Registration and fee of \$1 payable at first session. Clinic continues every Monday and Tuesday through October.

PORCELAINIZED FLOWERS

Tuesday, Sept. 28. Four-part workshop to fashion china-like flowers from printed paper, lacquer and wire with Elizabeth Cascarden, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registrations are being accepted now in the center.

BUCKET BRIGADE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Sept. 28. Bucket Brigade Workshop, conducted by Dugby Sharp, for persons interested in learning about and/or volunteering for the student-help program at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Library, 32737 Twelve Mile. No charge. Pre-registration not necessary.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Wednesday, Sept. 29. Registrations continue for square dance lessons sponsored by Fancy Farmers of Farmington on first nights of classes in Farmington High School cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

DECOUPAGE UNDER GLASS

Thursday, Sept. 30. Two-session workshop fashioning glass lamp bases with decoupage in Farmington Community Center at 9:30 a.m. Registrations are being accepted now in the center.

THE BOTTLE BILL

Thursday, Sept. 30. "The Bottle Bill," discussion on pending legislation concerning throwaway bottles by members of Eastern Michigan Action Coalition, sponsored by Earth Alive, in Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile at 7:30 p.m. No charge.

HAVE TRASH, WILL TRAVEL

Friday, Oct. 1. Carol Duval, TV personality, leads off the Fabulous Fridays Series with "Have Trash, Will Travel," in Farmington Community Center following continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$8 per person, on sale now in the center.

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12. Rummage sale, in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Twelve Mile, east of Farmington Road, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. \$1 bag special begins after noon Saturday.

MILLIONAIRE PARTY

Saturday, Oct. 2. Millionaire Party, sponsored by Farmington Jaycees, in American Legion Hall, 31773 Grand River, 8 p.m. Advance ticket sales discounted through Terry Sever, 478-1151, or \$5 asked at the door.

EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

Oct. 3-9. Farmington Community Library on Twelve Mile carries a full range of services for its handicapped patrons. Inquiries taken by any of the librarians.

DR. SEUSS

Monday, Oct. 4. "Green Eggs and Ham, The Sneetches and The Zax," film based on Dr. Seuss stories, opens preschool program in Farmington Community Library on Twelve Mile, at 2 p.m. No charge.

LIBRARY RESEARCH METHODS

Tuesday, Oct. 5. "Library Research Methods," four-part mini-course to help library users get the information they need, begins at 10 a.m. and continues for four Tuesdays. Registrations are being accepted now in the library, 474-4777. No charge. Program offered in cooperation with the Farmington Public Schools.

FAIRLANE

Wednesday, Oct. 6. Bus leaves the Farmington Community Center at 11 a.m. for luncheon and a tour of Fairlane. Tickets at \$8 on sale now in the center.

TRAVEL WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Oct. 6. "Travel Workshop," conducted by representatives of Highland Travel Bureau, talk about planning a vacation, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile. No charge.

SCULPTURED WASTERASKETS

Wednesday, Oct. 6. One-session workshop fashioning wastebaskets with a three-dimensional look with Betty Jackson, at 2:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registrations are being accepted now in the center.

BRAVE NEW WORLD

Thursday, Oct. 7. "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley continues informal book discussions at 10 a.m. in Farmington Community Library on Liberty Street. No charge. No registration. Copies of "The Trail" by Frank Kafka now available for discussion scheduled for Oct. 31.

LAMPSHADES-MAKE YOUR OWN

Thursday, Oct. 7. "Lampshades-Make Your Own," three-session workshop begins this date at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registrations accepted now in the center.

GET IN THE SWING

Thursday, Oct. 7. "Get in the Swing," pop concert opens the 1967-77 series for Farmington Community Concert Band in Harrison High School at 8 p.m.

GREAT BOOKS

Thursday, Great Books Discussion Group, for adults, begins this date in Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile, 7:30 p.m. Information and registration inquiries taken by calling Carole Hund, 477-1313.

CHILDREN AND LITERATURE

Thursday, Oct. 7. "Children and Literature," four-part mini-course begins at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Library on Liberty Street and continues for four Thursdays. No charge, but registration is necessary, through the library, 474-7777.

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RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, Oct. 9. Rummage sale, in Universalist Unitarian Church, on Halsted Road, north of Grand River, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CHILDREN'S FILMS

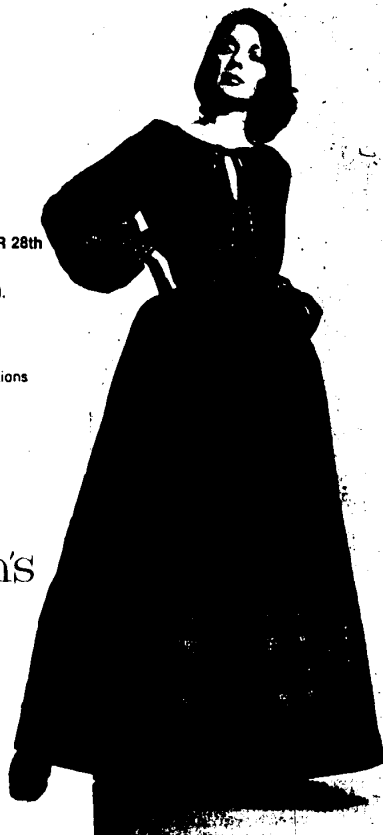
Saturday, Oct. 9. "The Magician" and "The Music Box" begin children's film program from 3-5 p.m. in Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile. Geared for elementary school children. No charge.

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