

# Doctor's artistry boon to patients and sale

By MARGARET MILLER

Two loves in the life of Dr. Carole van Handle—art and medicine—will come together in a special sale to be held in the Farmington Community Center Saturday, Oct. 22.

An assortment of character puppets, huggable teddy bears and sweet-faced apple-head dolls, all fashioned by the lady who spends her working hours as a child psychiatrist at Hawthorn Center in Northville, will be on sale as part of the fourth annual arts and crafts show, running from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Farmington Center.

The booth where Dr. van Handle's lovable creatures will be sold will be operated by members of the Hawthorn chapter of the Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children.

Dr. van Handle, a Livonia resident, grew up in a family of artists but decided when she was in the fifth grade that she wanted to be a doctor.

She studied in art school in Milwaukee for three years because "that was what my family wanted for me," before convincing her father that her true place was the University of Wisconsin's pre-med program and its college of medicine.

And then, after earning her degree in medicine, serving a residency at Hawthorn and two years ago joining the staff of the center for children with emotional disorders, Dr. van Handle realized that her art

tistic and medical knowledge mixed very well.

"IN WORKING with youngsters here," she said, "I find I can combine my interests."

"Art projects help me in diagnostic work, and they help the children build self-esteem."

"And the hand puppets, the kind I've been making all my life, are used in role-playing situations to help children express feelings that might otherwise remain hidden."

"The children seem to really love the puppets, both making them and acting out their problems with them. Even some of the older boys are fascinated by them."

That fact won't surprise shoppers who encounter the whimsical little characters at the MAEDC booth. Dr. van Handle fashions each one with care, starting with a head of modeling clay and covering it with "good gossip," a mixture of sawdust, wallpaper paste and water. The heads are then undressed and painted and each puppet gets a customized wig of yarn and a special outfit.

LAST YEAR, when she made her first contributions in answer to an appeal from the MAEDC, she wound up filling orders for more than 100 puppets.

I don't think I can do that this year.

she said, "but we'll have a good assortment at the sale. There's a new puppets puppet I really love. I got the idea for him from a little boy who was making a marionette and wanted a MEAN one."

Dr. van Handle can turn out the puppets in about three hours each, "using production line methods and doing the same operation for a lot of puppets."

Teddy bears, in gay coordinated prints and featuring pocket watches fashioned by Tim Smith, an art student who works at Hawthorn in child care, take a lot longer.

Most painstaking of all are the apple-face grandmothers and grandfathers, a type of artistry Dr. van Handle has been doing only a couple of years.

She used Golden Delicious apples and carves her faces, then covers them with salt for preservative and hangs them to dry on the light fixture in her kitchen working with them daily during the two-week drying period to get the facial expressions exactly right.

Her artistic contribution to the organization that supports the Hawthorn Center program is a labor of love.

I decided when they put out an appeal for contributions last year that it was a good cause," she said.

"It surely is—they do a fantastic job." The Farmington Community Center, where the sale will be held, is located on Farmington Road just north of Ten Mile



Dr. Carole van Handle works on sending a Pinocchio head for Saturday's sale for the Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children, to be held in the Farmington

Community Center. Displayed behind her are more puppets and the teddy bears and apple-face dolls that she has made for the sale. (Staff photo by Art Emanuel)

## Community Calendar

### HAUNTED HOUSE

Oct. 21-30: Haunted House sponsored by Novi Jaycees and Jayettes on Novi Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads, open Monday through Thursday from 6:30-11:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 6:30 p.m. midnight, and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Personality Star Graves Ghazal will be at the house on Oct. 29-30 only. Admission asked at the door.

### PAPER DRIVE

Friday through Sunday, Oct. 22-24: Paper Drive sponsored by students of DePaul Junior High School. Trucks will be on the grounds of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, River Road, throughout the

three-day period to receive bundled or bagged newspapers.

### FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23: Fall Rummage Sale sponsored by United Methodist Women of First Farmington Methodist Church in the church, 3312 Grand River at Warner, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

### FLU SHOTS

Friday, Oct. 22: Swine Flu Immunization Clinic for persons over 60 only in Detroit Baptist Manor, 20251 Thirteen Mile from 10 a.m. noon. Persons with allergies are advised to consult their doctor before receiving the shot. No charge.

### PIONEER BAZAAR

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23: Pioneer Bazaar, sponsored by the Members of the Boardfield State Center, in the center at 425 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

### HARVEST SOCIAL

Saturday, Oct. 21: Harvest Social, dinner, dinner, sponsored by Oak and County Residential Center, now in the county's new Sprindell Oaks Park facility in Farmington. Tickets at \$17.75 per couple or \$8.88 per person are available to residents in this area through Mariette Hanger, 474-7589.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

October 22: Arts and Crafts Fair of original works only in Farmington Community Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No charge.

### FUN FAIR

Saturday, Oct. 22: Fun Fair, sponsored by Middle Belt School PTA in the school, 2440 Middle Belt, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Features games, prizes, bake sale, flea market, crafts, refreshments, homemade food. No admission charge.

### HALLOWEEN DANCE

Saturday, Oct. 22: Halloween Dance sponsored by Farmington Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in the post, 2311 Orchard Lake, 9 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Advance tickets at \$4 each available by calling the post, 474-9865 or \$5 at the door.

### HALLOWEEN TREAT

Saturday, Oct. 22: Halloween Treat for elementary school aged children only, sponsored by Farmington Community Library in the library on Twelve Mile Road. Registration is not necessary, but guests are asked to come in costume at 2 p.m.

### COPING WITH WIDOWHOOD

Sunday, Oct. 24: Coping With Widowhood Seminar in Mercy Center, Eleven Mile east of Middle Belt, from 12:30-3 p.m. Registration fee of \$6 accepted at the door.

### SERVE BOUTIQUE

Sunday, Oct. 24: SERVE Boutique offering handcrafted items from the developing countries of the world, open from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, corner of Eleven Mile. Beginning Nov. 2 boutique will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. noon until Christmas. Sponsored by Women's Association of the church.

### ROAST BEEF DINNER

Sunday, Oct. 24: Roast beef dinner, served by Farmington DeMolay in Farmington Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Road, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Admission of \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children or \$10 per family, asked at the door.

### MEET THE CANDIDATES

Sunday, Oct. 24: Meet the Candidates forum for candidates running for State Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and Sixth Circuit Court, sponsored by Right League of Women Voters branches in Oakland County in Tel 12 Mall, begins at 5:30 p.m. in the central mall.

### HUNTERS SAFETY CLINIC

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 22-26: Two session hunters safety clinic at 2 p.m. each evening sponsored by Farmington American Legion in the legion hall, 31755 Grand River. Registration and fee of \$1 payable at first session.

### FLU SHOTS

Monday, Oct. 22: Swine Flu Immunization Clinic for persons over 60 only in Ameri-

can Legion Post, 31755 Grand River, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. No charge.

### UNDERSTANDING ARTHRITIS

Tuesday, Oct. 26: Understanding Arthritis, public information session sponsored by Michigan Chapter Arthritis Foundation, at 7 p.m. in Oak Hill Nursing Home, 31223 Grand River. Open to the public. No charge.

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tuesday, Oct. 26: Halloween party for pre-schoolers only in Farmington Branch Library on Liberty, 2 p.m. Registration is not necessary, but lots are requested to come in costumes to participate in games, songs and stories. No charge.

### FRANKENMUTH

Wednesday, Oct. 27: Bus leaves the Farmington Community Center at 8:30 a.m. for a trip to Frankenmuth. Package priced tickets includes lunch, now on sale in the center.

### PINE CONE BELLS

Wednesday, Oct. 27: Two session workshop using bells made from pine cones in Farmington Community Center, at 7:30 p.m. Registration is being accepted now in the center.

### SWEDISH STRAWCRAFT

Wednesday, Oct. 27: One session workshop on the art of creating straw ornaments for Christmas decorations with Mildred Webb at 9:30 a.m. Registrations are being accepted now in the center.

### BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, Oct. 28: Bible Study classes begin this date at 9:30 a.m. and continue on Thursdays in Hillside Bible Chapel, 3065 Farmington Road. Registration is not necessary.

### BENEDICT ARNOLD TRAIL

Thursday, Oct. 28: Illustrated lecture tracing the trail General Benedict Arnold took from Michigan to Quebec while under the command of George Washington, sponsored by Northville Historical Society, in the library on Mill Road, on Griswold Street, Northville, at 8 p.m. given by L. O. M. history students. Admission of \$1.50 asked at the door.

### HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

Friday, Oct. 29: Holidays Entertaining with Geri Brincker, continues Fabulous Fridays series in Farmington Community Center, 9:30 a.m. Guests are invited to taste hors d'oeuvres, buffet dishes and party punches, and take home recipes. Tickets at \$4 per person are on sale now in the center.

### SKATE AND SKI SWAP

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29-30: Sellers are invited to drop off skates, skis and ski equipment in Farmington High School from 6:30 p.m. Friday to go on sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the school at 2200 Shawansee. Conditions of the sale set by the sponsors, Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

### RUMMAGE SALE

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29-30: Annual rummage sale sponsored by Farmington Musicals, in First Methodist Church, 3312 Grand River, at Warner, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items contributed by more than 50 families to raise funds for musical scholarships. Baked goods sold in conjunction with the sale by the Gluckenspey.

### RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, Oct. 30: Rummage sale sponsored by Farmington DeMolay Mothers in First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, near Eleven Mile, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The picture put before me was one of a Halloween monster with a huge tooth on its left side of its mouth. What do you call those things, the daughter displaying it asked me. I hesitated, wondering which didn't suit her. No way was I going to identify those toothy things as fangs. That's because we have a running joke in the family, one that may be dormant for months and then will get resurrected. The idea is to ask a question to get someone else to answer with a single word that sounds like "Thanks." Then real quick you say, "You're welcome."

AS IN THE following examples: We're getting ready for a picnic and even on the radio is bubbling on the stove. "What do I use to get the ears out of the water?" someone asks. The target: I say. You're welcome. She answers.

ON ANOTHER recent evening, however, I didn't fare as well. It had been a long day at the office, and I arrived home to find the girls setting down to watch Jesus Christ Superstar on television. They all had seen it a few times before, but I had not, so I joined them. And Mether can explain that scene to

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us, one of them suggested. Flattered, I prepared to watch for the episode in question. Here it comes! "one daughter said as the screen filled with desert sand and something started appearing over the horizon. 'That's a couple of sticks coming in.' 'ward.' I answered, 'sawdust.' 'Not sticks,' they said. 'What are they?' 'Two armored vehicles came into view and I said it.' 'They're tanks.' 'Three voices came as one: 'YOU'RE WELCOME!' Well, as I said, it had been a long day at the office.

SURE FOOTED, THAT'S ME MATCHING THE MOOD OF MY BIG SWEATER AND CORDS WITH MANTAILORED MOCASINS. IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO BE?

I'm into rugged stuff for fall, it's part of the whole 'mantailored' survival thing. So, I've been eyeing his shoes. Surprisingly, of course. Now, they're mine. But built for me. Smoothly shaped, softly right, in brown leather, stepping high on a low crepe sole. 140. Young Dimensions in Shoes.

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Philip LaVerne will be in Birmingham on Friday and Saturday, October 22-23. Come in and enjoy a friendly chat with him as you view his rare and beautiful works of art.

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