

# Walk features best of Farmington's historic past

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Taking a walk through Farmington's past becomes a reality during the city historical society's annual home tour. This year, time travellers will traipse through Farmington homes built from 1850 to 1897. Their tour is scheduled for 1-4 p.m., May 21.

Tickets can be purchased at the tour's starting point, Salem United Church, Farmington Road at Shawville. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Built in 1902, Salem United stands at the intersection of two of the many Indian paths which crossed through the Farmington area.

The church boasts stained glass windows imported from Germany. Its bells could be rung by hand with a rope.

CAST IN 1902, the bells were made in Northville.

The altar, lectern, baptismal font and pews are part of the original furnishings of the church. Each piece is made from carved wood. The church's floor and doors are made from the same dark wood.

From Salem United Church, home tourists will have a chance to view the Munter House, 33309 Oakland. Built in 1880, the house has seen many owners. Its original woodwork and wall coverings, which have remained unpainted, make the house an interesting addition to the tour, according to historical society member Nancy Leonard.

Keeping within the same time frame of the Munter House, walkers will take in more Victorian architecture at the Pauline Smith House, 33611 Oakland.

Its Queen Anne architecture and gingerbread molding around the porch are typical for the houses' period, 1891-2.

Originally, the house boasted a porch which ran around the north and eastern portions of the facade. The entranceway led into the dining room.

These features were erased during 1944, when the home was remodeled. The wood from the porch now is part of the entranceway. The doors between the main rooms are gone but their archways remain.

AT THE same time the porch was removed, the owners built onto the building a family room and a portico, the horse and carriage equivalent of a carport.

When the family room was built, it was designed to accommodate a large tree on the property.

Rather than cutting down the tree to make space for the family room, it was incorporated into the area. Walkers will be able to see the room and its tree, which died after the addition was built.

Another home of the late 1800s will be viewed when the tour moves to the Pangel-Smith residence, 33915 Grand River.

The original kitchen was destroyed in 1929 by fire. It was renovated into a laundry room which still serves the house.

The dining room was used in 1920 as a living room. The present-day living room was a parlor during that time. The front porch and entryway now used were added at a later date to the house, according to Mrs. Leonard.

Stairways in the house are so narrow that moving involves taking out a window and heaving larger pieces of furniture into the house, according to Mrs. Leonard.

After viewing 1920s styles placed in a late 1800s building, the tour will move on to a house constructed in 1920.

BUILT BY Fred Cook, of Cook and Co., merchants, an old Farmington firm, the Diane Craig House is located on the corner of Grand River and Wilmarrh.

Stylistically, the house offers visitors a potpourri. The oak woodwork and beveled glass are part of the house. The front door and the interior of the French doors are typical of the era, according to Mrs. Leonard.

Stained glass windows decorate each side of the fireplace. The house is accented by its antique furnishings.

After visiting the 1920s, the tour will swing back into the 1890s one more time with a look at the McGinness House, 33528 Grand River.



The Pauline Smith house is one structure that has changed its appearance throughout the years. A porch once wound its way around the structure.

Typical of late Victorian architecture, the house has stained glass and leaded glass windows. The huge front room is paneled in highly carved woodwork.

Built by M. B. Pierce, a member of an old Farmington area family, the house has a back room which was added when the occupants installed electricity and indoor plumbing. The original barn stands in the back of the property.

The last house on the tour list was built in 1937 by Marcus Burrows, who designed other Farmington area houses, including the one owned by Mrs. Eleanor Spicer next to the Farmington Community Center.

THIS YEAR, the Burrows-designed house on the tour is located in the Bidestone subdivision. Owned by Jean Fox, the home was built by attorney Edward Moserian.

Like most Burrows' homes, it incorporates an English influence into the design. Burrows built about 1,000 structures in the Detroit area, including the Birmingham municipal building and the Birmingham library.

The Fox residence resembles an English Cotswold cottage. It is built with Indiana limestone salvaged from

the old federal building in Detroit.

Burrows covered the house with a slate roof supported by foot-thick walls. The interior of the walls are covered with solid oak panels. The floors match the walls. Later, the walls were covered with plaster.

After viewing the way Farmington residents once lived, the tour will look at a Farmington eyesore turned land-

mark when it makes its way back up Grand River and into the Old Winery Building.

Among the areas of interest in the building are its exterior walls which are made from brick bought from the Warner yard in Farmington.

For further information about the tour, call Nancy Leonard at 476-4125 or Diane Schoenich at 474-7878.

## Farmington police honor officers and civilians

The Public Safety Department of the City of Farmington honored its own last weekend, as well as some civilians who came to the department's aid during the last year.

Sixteen persons were commended by Public Safety Director Daniel Byrnes, including Sgt. Murray Switzer, who received a departmental citation as well as a unit commendation.

Pt. Vincent Ziegler received a certificate of merit, a commendation, and a unit commendation. Pt. Frank Lauhoff also received a unit commendation.

Commendations were awarded to Sgt. Marvin Snider, Pt. Charles Lee, Pt. Peter Amato, and Pt. James Madigan. Pt. Thomas Cox received a certificate of appreciation.

Lt. Jack Brown and Pt. Darnell Krause, both of the Farmington Hills police department, and Sgt. Lawrence Little, of the Livonia police department, received commendations from the City of Farmington police.

Civilians Susan and Bradley Vayko, Ron Garbinski, and Kathryn Weidman were honored with civilian commendations. Jean Winslow also received a certificate of appreciation.

## THE INSIDE \* ANGLE

\*CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT to the Rev. JOHN NORTHWAY HOWELL, minister of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington. He will receive an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Adrian College on May 21. In 32 years in the ministry, he has distinguished himself as a pastor and humanitarian as well as a skilled community organizer. Ordained as a deacon in 1952, he was ordained an elder in 1954.

During his ministry he has received more than 1,000 members into the United Methodist Church. In 1948, he was sent by the Departments of Missions and Evangelism to the Dominican Republic, where he established a new church.

He also has served on numerous boards and committees of the Detroit Conference and the various districts, helped organize a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous and held several offices in the Chaplin's Advisory Committee of the Department of Correction for the State of Michigan.

Born in Knightville, Ind., he graduated from DePaul University and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and completed studies at Garrett Theological Seminary.

\*TROUBLE WITH a capital T will be at Harrison High School this week. The concert and symphony band will present Meredith Wilson's musical comedy "Music Man" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tickets are on sale at the school from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:15-3 p.m. in the main office. Prices are \$3.50, \$3 and \$2.50.

\*FIVE STUDENTS at Farmington's Harrison High School were among 12 winners in the "Great Skate" skateboard park design contest sponsored by the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Detroit Edison and the school of architecture at Lawrence Institute of Technology. They are: BOB MEHALL, who took a \$500 second place scholarship; CLIFFORD GULLY, a junior, who won an honorable mention in both design and lighting; RICK RUDOFSKI, a junior, who won an honorable mention in design; ROBIN ANDERSON, who won an honorable mention in design and lighting; and SUE MEHALL, a senior, who took third place in design and won a \$250 scholarship.

\*MARATHON TIME is the name of the game over at Hill Day School on May 20, beginning at 9:15 a.m. The eighth grade will be having a marathon volleyball game with contributions going to the Multiple Sclerosis fund and the school's scholarship fund.

\*NOSTALGIA, ANYONE? The Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College is presenting the Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra playing nostalgic dance music from the early 1930s. The event will be from 8-10:30 p.m. Friday in Building

A of the campus, on the corner of Washington and Lincoln. Royal Oak. Admission is free, with refreshments available at a nominal charge.

\*WITH MEMORIAL DAY approaching, the Farmington Branch of the American Cancer Society is planning a special emphasis on its "living" memorial program, announces Annabelle Vandell, memorial chairwoman. Upon receipt of a donation, the society sends a memorial card to the family in whose memory the gift is made and also sends an acknowledgment and receipt to the donor.

\*"THE DAY BUSINESS Stood Still" slide show is available free of charge from the North Oakland Chamber of Commerce to all Oakland County civic and service organizations during June and July. The 20-minute color and sound slide presentation describes what could happen if everyone stopped working and concludes that business is a vital part of our society. A member of the chamber will make the presentation to those groups that phone Ann Crowell at 857-1595 or the chamber at 335-6148. Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

\*HEY FOLKS, it's mailbox improvement week from May 22-27. The purpose of this week, according to the postal service, is to call attention to the need for providing mail receptacles which are designed to protect the mail from the weather and are neat in appearance, conveniently located and safe to use. Be sure to give your mailbox a friendly pat at least one time next week.

\*SPEAKING OF mail, the postal services will operate on a holiday schedule on Memorial Day, May 29. Farmington Postmaster Ken Harris says there will be no regular residential or business mail delivery or lobby window service. Special delivery service will be available on a holiday schedule. Holiday collection schedules will be provided as late in the day as possible to meet first class mail service standards. Normal service will resume on May 30.

\*HONORS CAME the way of Farmington Area Jaycees this month at the state convention. They received awards for outstanding Internal and External Chapters in Oakland County. Internal committees are those which raise money for the Jaycees. External committees are those which determine how the money is to be spent to aid the community. Among items to which Jaycees have donated funds are the YMCA, scouting, Farmington Area Advisory Commission, Community Center, Oakhill Nursing Home, Boys Republic, Northville State Home and Sarah Fisher.

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