

# Calligrapher uses beauty of alphabet

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"In England, it's more important than in the U.S. In Japan and China, calligraphy is considered a greater art than painting," she added.

Although the popularity of the art is growing in the United States, judges at local shows still debate over admitting calligraphy into art exhibitions.

One of Mrs. Ebel's calligraphic works, a rendering of a verse from the Book of Corinthians, was rejected once before it was finally accepted into a local showing.

To remedy this situation, calligraphers are beginning to band together to exchange information and ideas. Although local calligraphers belong to the Society of Scribes, a New York based group, there is a need for workshops and showings they can join, Mrs. Ebel believes.

Mrs. Ebel and her students have formed a Farmington based group which plans to offer workshops to its members.

"We're so far away from New York that it's hard for us to take advantage of their workshops and showings," Mrs. Ebel said of the Society of Scribes. "We have to be content with being on their mailing list."

THAT SITUATION will be remedied in September when the Michigan Association of Calligraphers makes its debut.

Until then, Mrs. Ebel will be enjoying London. Once she carries out the orders of her children to buy five pairs of leather gloves, she can concentrate on fulfilling a wish—learning how to use gold leaf.



Suzanne Ebel works on another calligraphy project in her Farmington Hills home. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Thomas D. Blattert, an employee in General Motors parts division's Livonia plant, was a recent gold medal winner in GM's annual community activity Award for Excellence program. Blattert was one of 14 such winners across the nation. He has been a GM employee for 20 years and lives in Farmington Hills. He was recognized for his leadership with the Boy Scouts, service with the Big Brother program and efforts on behalf of FISH, an activity assisting needy persons.

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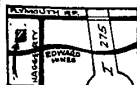
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