

An informed consumer talks about toy world

Pat Bordman's "Salmagundi Toy Workshop," set for Wednesday, Nov. 7, is the fourth in a series of six Wonderful Wednesdays in Farmington Community Center.

Mrs. Bordman brings a potpourri, or salmagundi, of ideas to the session demonstrating how to use readily-accessible household discards to create safe, fun toys for children.

The one-time workshop runs from 9:30-11 a.m. for a cost of \$5.

The aim of her workshop is to spark the imagination as she demonstrates how to make a periscope from a foil

carton and two mirrors, or a tennis racket from a wire coat hanger and panthos, or stills from coffee cans. A jump rope made by braiding plastic bread wrappers, she describes as "indestructible."

Many of the toys she makes are durable, but others are meant to be used and thrown away.

"It shouldn't be so tragic if toys used with child-like enthusiasm happen to break," she said.

"I just make the toy again, or another one. I often construct items I can't find in the store."

MRS. BORDMAN is a certified elementary teacher who is completing work on her masters degree in early childhood education at Oakland Community College.

She has lectured extensively on the subject of children and their toys, conducted child-oriented workshops, and once wrote a column for the Oakland Press, which gave parents help in both choosing purchased toys as well as making them.

Salmagundi is her pen name.

"It has been said, play is child's work," says Mrs. Bordman, "and that toys are the most important part of a child's life."

She denies that she is a critic of the toy industry. She prefers to think of herself as "a watch person."

Her home has as many purchased toys as any, to be used by her two

daughters, aged seven and eight. But she believes "a total approach to toys is necessary, both the store-bought as well as the home-made variety."

She will discuss recent trends in the toy industry, keying in on both the positive and negative aspects of toy production the last ten to 15 years.

"There are toy manufacturers who are very concerned about the safety of their products, and those who are solely profit-oriented," she says.

SHE QUALIFIES herself as an informed consumer who is aware of all the latest governmental regulations in the toy industry.

Pointing out a badly constructed item, or one with potentially dangerous features to local toy store managers, is business-as-usual for her.

"I have examples of both good and bad items to show. There are many fine toys on the market, you just have to be careful, just know what to look for," she said.

She'll talk about trends in toys, and give some predictions on what to expect in the future. As to the later, she says, "The computer is going to be as common to tomorrow's child as the rattle was to yesterday's child."

Advance registrations are requested by the Farmington Community Center staff. Persons can stop in at the center, at 24705 Farmington Rd., or call, 477-8404.



PAT BORDMAN

Open house

Farmington Community Center introduces its new director

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

Betty Paine, Farmington Community Center's new executive director, will serve as official hostess when the center holds open house in observance of its 10th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 11.

"It is a year of re-evaluation for the center and its staff," Mrs. Paine said, "a time to assess the original goals, to determine what changes, if any, are needed. A time to plan for the future."

Mrs. Paine brings extensive experience to the center as an educator, community leader, crafts-woman and musician.

She is enthusiastic about her new position and feels positive about beginning her association with the center.

"It is my desire to help people realize the center's full potential as a unifying force," she said. In conjunction with this, she said she will actively seek input from all residents as the area and center changes and grows.

MRS. PAINE comes to Farmington from the Royal Oak Public School System, where as media consultant she created and organized multiple learning centers and served as a coordinator of community volunteers throughout that city's schools.



Betty Paine comes from the Royal Oak Public School System to her post as Farmington Community Center's new executive director. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

As a member of a federally-funded program, she administered a two-year pilot program for the evaluation of individualized programs for students with communication and reading difficulties.

Other responsibilities include developing and conducting workshops, and in-service training sessions for parents and educational volunteers.

She is a graduate of the University of Iowa and has done post-graduate study at Oakland University.

Her community contributions encompass active membership in Friends of the Library, service on the Royal Oak Beautification Council, assistance in the development of that city's historical tour and membership in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association.

She has been a board member for the League of Women Voters and served as a parent member of the Quality School advisory committee.

THE CENTER's new director has a weaving studio in her Birmingham home and exhibits her craftsmanship at area art shows.

Her creative talents also follow a musical outlet. She is an accomplished string bass player and a former member of the Oakway Symphony Orchestra. She has taught piano and group guitar classes.

She and her husband, Perry, a research associate for the United Community Services, have two children, both at Michigan State University. Their daughter, Lynn, is studying landscape architecture and son, David, is majoring in parks and recreation management.

They are all wilderness camping enthusiasts who have spent many summers hiking and tenting throughout the U.S. and Canada. A favorite spot is in the Grand Tetons.

Both Paines are ardent history and genealogy buffs who have traveled extensively, mostly through the eastern states in this behalf.

One of their finds was an ancestor of Paine's who wrote a book about his Revolutionary War experiences in service under John Paul Jones.

"So I feel right at home in this historic building," Mrs. Paine said. "I love the outdoors and appreciate the beautiful setting and grounds here."

"I would like to see more family-oriented activities going on out of doors, like an old fashioned picnic, and some concerts in the natural amphitheatre."

IN REFERENCE to the open house she is now preparing for, she said, "I would like to schedule open houses periodically throughout the year so that new residents, as well as old friends, can tour the house and appreciate its rich heritage."

"We want every one aware of its unique place in our community," she said.

An immediate goal is to provide an expanded evening class roster of interest to men as well as women, reaching out to those unable to participate in day time classes.

Another is to develop the communications link between Farmington and Farmington Hills service agencies in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of services.

"As the center begins its second decade, the operating budget must be strengthened," she said, "so that building improvements can be realized."

Girl's club award goes to A. Stanford

Adrian H. Stanford has been honored with the Service Humanity and Enthusiasm award for 1979-80 by Girls Clubs of America National Organization.

She is executive director of the Ypsilanti Area Girl's Club and the daughter of Wellington D. Hullm, and the late Helen Hullm, of Farmington Hills.

The 1963 graduate of Farmington High School won the award in Alpena, during the Midwest Regional Conference of Girl's Clubs of America. She has been executive director of the Ypsilanti group since 1977.



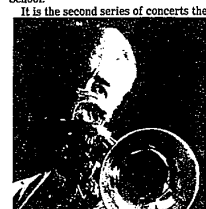
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Farmington Community Band announces season's line-up

Professor Armando Ghitalla, universally recognized trumpet soloist, leads off the Farmington Community Band's 1979-80 Concert Schedule at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in Harrison High School.



PROFESSOR ARMANDO GHITALLA

band has scheduled which features a renowned guest artist who combines his or her performance with a free clinic for all interested area musicians.

Ghitalla's clinic is set for 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 23, in Harrison High School, where all of the concerts and clinics will be given this season. Pre-registration is not required for any one who wishes to sit in on the clinic.

Guest artist for the mid-winter concert is Dr. William D. Revell, director emeritus of University of Michigan Bands and originator of the noted "Transcontinental Michigan Marching Band."

The spring concert, set for Sunday, April 27, honors the area's handicapped and senior citizens. Guest artist is Dr. John Mohler, professor of clarinet at University of Michigan.

The series winds up with the band's biennial fund raiser, the "All Sports &

Variety Show," set for Feb. 29.

This is the third such show planned by the band that will be under the chairmanship of Ralph Chapman this season.

THE 70 MUSICIANS who make up the Farmington Community Band plan their series in cooperation with Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, the Farmington Public Schools, the Farmington Area Arts Commission and the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Within the concert band there is a brass ensemble, a jazz band and a dixieland band.

Tickets are on sale now for the October show, called "Autumn Interlude," at Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office, 31555 Eleven Mile Rd.

General admission is \$2. Students and seniors tickets are \$1 each, and families may purchase a ticket for \$5.

North Church Bazaar slated for Oct. 26-27

Bazaar '79 is coming to North Congregational Church in Southfield after two years of planning.

Dates for the event are 4-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

Christmas decorations of all shapes and sizes, aprons, knitted items, home-baked goodies, ceramics, attic treasures, old jewelry and hand-crafted pieces from all over the world will be available.

The Christmas Bazaar will be set up by Betty Blow and her Eleanor Taylor group. Dorothy Gates and her 11 O'clock Workshop participants will handle the Attic Treasures.

Carol Hummon of Southfield is in charge of the snack bar which will serve hot dog, sandwiches, donuts and drinks all day Saturday. Handmade items for the home will be sold by Anne Fowler and June Ludke and helpers.

The bake shop is organized by The

Triple S Group and will offer home made items.

Other booths include one for children being organized by Kathy Kinzler of West Bloomfield and Ellen Hansz of Birmingham.

A turkey dinner will be served from 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Friday by Teddy Reynolds of Southfield and her committee. The dinner is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10.

Saturday, a casserole luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets are \$3. Both meals are by reservation only and can be arranged by calling the church at 356-1660.

Helping on the food arrangements are Harriet Dryburgh, Constance Brown, Florence Duhamel and Mabel McLamore.

Co-Chairpersons for the event are Hazel Pickles of Southfield and Pat Patterson.

The church is at 26275 Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

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