

Glass becomes hot item on national art scene

By CORINNE ARATT

After an eight-hour day as a dental technician, John La Porte walks down the hall to his studio and puts in another eight hours as a stained glass artist. As a student at Brother Rice High School in the late '60s and early '70s, he didn't foresee this kind of future — his inclinations ran to writing and journalism. However, the turn of events, or careers, has proved to be a satisfying one for the man who loves to work with his hands.

His interest in working with glass was piqued when his mother, Ann La Porte, became interested in the art. He remembers coming home and watching her work in her home studio. Then one of his seven brothers, Paul, began to work in glass, and the interest continued.

After high school, La Porte went to Highland Park College to train as a

dental technician and pursued stained glass as a hobby, making sun catchers and small items.

"I was fascinated by how glass was manufactured," he said, explaining how he reached a decision to take glass more seriously.

The result was a year in Oregon making stained glass for Bullseye Glass when he took time off from his dental lab job.

With a more solid background and understanding of the medium, La Porte and a friend began doing commissions for homes in the mountains. He bought a pickup truck, set up a glass studio in it and drove up through British Columbia.

"The people there hadn't seen much glass art. It was all new to them," he said. This resulted in a number of commissions, including a large one for a bar owner who wanted a piece with

several axes to match the decor.

When La Porte returned to this area to follow his dental technician career, he found a studio in the Pottery Center, holding on Fourteen Mile, just east of Woodward, on the lower level, next door to the dental lab where he works. He hopes to expand his space into a kind of studio and craft center.

When he wasn't working on commissions or repairs this past winter, he was making pieces in anticipation of the summer art fair.

"I do about 10 or 15 of the big fairs and four or five local ones," he said. "I like to have about 40 pieces ready when the fairs begin," he said.

HAVING GONE far beyond sun catchers, La Porte does windows, panels, decorated mirrors and other more complex pieces.

"I really like to do a whole environment in glass," he said, "four or five windows in one room."

While La Porte will do designs to order, he is happiest when he has the freedom to create his own. He likes to work from drawings done by his friend, Bill Scheffer, also a brother Rice graduate, now a student at Philadelphia College of Art.

"The point I enjoy most is cutting and getting the color and grain involved," La Porte said. "I prefer to use all one manufacturer's glass for a piece. It

insures for a prettier window."

Along with a consistency of goods, this means that the quality of glass will be the same in a piece. Hardness of glass varies from one manufacturer to another.

"The Germans produce a lot of better glass and it's softer than domestic glass," he said.

Once each of the individual pieces is cut and laid into the mold design, La Porte must wrap each with copper tape. He works with this rather than the lead used in earlier times. When the tape is around each piece, he puts flux over the total work and then solder. The solder adheres to the copper tape but not the glass. Both sides are annealed for additional stability.

LA PORTE estimates that he puts about 20 hours of work in a medium-sized window or panel.

He feels fortunate because, as he began to consider glass as more than a hobby, interest in glass picked up dramatically. His studio, being next to the dental lab, has also been a boon to maintaining two careers. La Porte has a few students who come by the studio regularly to use the facility and get help from him. This, he sees, as the beginning of a dream for a career arrangement where he will provide the equipment and others will be able to use it on a shared arrangement.

How to prepare for job market

"A message to middle school students, parents and teachers" has been issued by the Career Resource Center of Plymouth Canton High School.

The suggestions, released by job placement specialist Joyce Willis, were generated during the recently-held Business Education Forum which featured career education for the middle schools.

The forum was sponsored by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Canton and Plymouth chambers of commerce.

THE MESSAGE compiled stressed that students entering high school should understand that:

- A major purpose of education is to prepare youth for the world of work.
- We are living in a highly competitive society during times in which the number of people looking for jobs often far exceeds the demand.
- Using equal opportunity standards, job openings are filled by the highest qualified applicants as determined by their skills, education, experience, and ability to convince the employer that they, indeed, are the best qualified for the job.
- Skills acquired during the high school years through vocational programs such as auto, welding, electron-

ics, food service, business, etc., expose students to career fields which provide gainful employment after graduation, train youth for jobs while in school, and may be gained along with full academic preparation.

Terms such as punctuality, conscientiousness, cleanliness, dependability, flexibility, and responsibility must be clearly defined and understood by students as they relate to job success.

Employers agree that school performance and attendance reports are distinct indicators of a person's probable work habits.

Students who leave school without a high school diploma markedly decrease their chance of obtaining satisfactory employment.

Good employability skills enable job applicants of any age to find, obtain and keep the best jobs.

"In addition to career knowledge," comments Ms. Willis, "it has been my experience that knowledge of job skills gained during the middle school years greatly increases a young person's chances of obtaining satisfactory employment during high school, which in turn prepares youth for a more successful entry into the world of work upon high school or college graduation."

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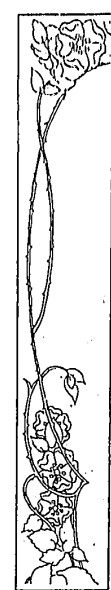
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STATE OF MICHIGAN, THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CANTON, 10400 Delta of Cadillac Drive, Livonia, Michigan

IN RE: RIVER HARBOR

TAKE NOTICE, that on the 10th day of April, 1978 at 9 A.M., in the County of Canton, Pontiac, Michigan, before the Honorable HARRY A. HARRIS, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the petition of the State of Michigan, filed in the above entitled cause, and the will of the deceased dated March 29, 1967 was admitted to probate. Administration of the estate was granted to the State of Michigan, the executor named in said will.

Notice of the deceased as set forth that all claims against the estate must be presented to the State of Michigan, filed in the above entitled cause, on or before April 15, 1978. Failure to do so will result in the claim being barred. The will of the deceased dated March 29, 1967 was admitted to probate. Administration of the estate was granted to the State of Michigan, the executor named in said will.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Court this 10th day of April, 1978.

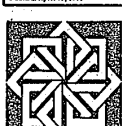
HARRY A. HARRIS, Judge of Probate, Canton, Michigan

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Witness: Margaret, Michigan Executive & Observer

Dated: April 10, 1978



PROPOSED FLOOD ELEVATION DETERMINATIONS FOR THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AGENCY: Federal Insurance Administration, HUD.
ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY:
Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed base (100-year) flood elevations listed below for selected locations in the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

These base (100-year) flood elevations are the basis for the flood plain management measures that the community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES:
The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in the above-named community.

ADDRESSES:
Maps and other information showing the detailed outlines of the flood-prone areas and the proposed base (100-year) flood elevations are available for review at the City Hall, City Clerk Office, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Send comments to:
The Honorable, Earl Oppenheimer
Mayor, City of Farmington Hills
City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48024
Attention: Floyd Oims, City Clerk

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Mr. Richard Krime, Assistant Administrator
Office of Flood Insurance
(202) 755-5581 or Toll Free Line (800) 424-8872
Room 5070
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20410

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The Federal Insurance Administration gives notice of the proposed determinations of base (100-year) flood elevations for the City of Farmington Hills, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-234), 87 Stat. 580, which added section 138 to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-449), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4124, and 24 CFR Part 1917.4 (a)).

These elevations, together with the flood plain management measures required by section 130.3 of the program regulations, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their flood plain management requirements. The community may at any time exact stricter requirements on its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State or regional entities. These proposed elevations will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and their contents.

The proposed base (100-year) flood elevations for selected locations are:

| Source of Flooding | Location | Elevation in Feet (National Geodetic Vertical Datum) | |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| UPPER RIVER ROUGE | Upstream side of Eight Mile Road | 646 | |
| | At Middlebelt Road | 662 | |
| | Upstream side of Puck Road | 660 | |
| | Upstream side of Foxboro Drive | 667 | |
| | Downstream side of Orchard Lake Road | 671 | |
| | Upstream side of Orchard Lake Road | 675 | |
| | 500 feet upstream of Nine Mile Road | 676 | |
| | At northern corporate limits of the City of Farmington | 723 | |
| | 1,500 feet downstream of Brittain Drive | 730 | |
| | 1,200 feet downstream of Brittain Drive | 740 | |
| MINNOW POND DRAIN | At downstream side of Brittain Drive | 745 | |
| | 1,700 feet upstream of Brittain Drive | 750 | |
| | 1,500 feet upstream of Brittain Drive | 761 | |
| | 2,450 feet downstream of Quaker Valley Drive | 762 | |
| | 1,300 feet downstream of Quaker Valley Drive | 770 | |
| | Downstream side of Quaker Valley Drive | 781 | |
| | Upstream side of Quaker Valley Drive | 787 | |
| | 2,500 feet upstream of Quaker Valley Drive | 800 | |
| | 1,000 feet from the downstream side of Farmington Road | 810 | |
| | Downstream side of Farmington Road | 816 | |
| TARABUSI CREEK | Upstream side of Farmington Road | 823 | |
| | About 90 feet downstream of West Entrance to Oakland Community College | 826 | |
| | About 50 feet upstream of West Entrance to Oakland Community College | 831 | |
| | The proposed base (100-year) flood elevations for selected locations are: | | |

SEELY DRAIN

| Source of Flooding | Location | Elevation in Feet (National Geodetic Vertical Datum) | |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| SEELY DRAIN | Downstream side of Interstate 696 | 834 | |
| | Upstream side of Interstate 696 | 839 | |
| | Upstream side of Twelve Mile Road | 843 | |
| | Upstream side of Kendallwood Road | 846 | |
| | Downstream side of Chesterbrook Road | 853 | |
| | Upstream side of Chesterbrook Road | 855 | |
| | Upstream side of Oak Point Drive | 862 | |
| | Downstream side of Thirteen Mile Road | 863 | |
| | Upstream side of Thirteen Mile Road | 867 | |
| | Upstream side of Drake Road | 871 | |
| PEBBLE CREEK | At Halstead Road | 876 | |
| | Upstream of Fourteen Mile Road | 882 | |
| | 3,100 feet downstream of Drake Road | 762 | |
| | 2,500 feet downstream of Drake Road | 780 | |
| | 1,500 feet downstream of Drake Road | 780 | |
| | Upstream side of Concrete Foot-Bridge (900 feet downstream of Drake Road) | 780 | |
| | 100 feet downstream of Drake Road | 790 | |
| | Upstream side of Drake Road | 796 | |
| | Upstream side of Driveway Bridge (1,000 feet upstream of Drake Road) | 811 | |
| | Upstream side of Footbridge (2,800 feet upstream of Drake Road) | 822 | |
| PEBBLE CREEK | Upstream side of Driveway Bridge (1,700 feet downstream of Halstead Road) | 819 | |
| | Upstream side of Dam & Driveway Bridge (550 feet downstream of Halstead Road) | 834 | |
| | The proposed base (100-year) flood elevations for selected locations are: | | |

PEBBLE CREEK

| Source of Flooding | Location | Elevation in Feet (National Geodetic Vertical Datum) | |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| PEBBLE CREEK | Downstream side of Halstead Road | 846 | |
| | Upstream side of Halstead Road | 849 | |
| | About 200 feet upstream of Howard Road | 854 | |
| | Upstream side of Dam (1,500 feet upstream of Howard Road) | 862 | |
| | Upstream side of Twelve Mile Road | 865 | |
| | 3,700 feet upstream of Twelve Mile Road | 874 | |
| | 1,000 feet downstream of Thirteen Mile Road | 880 | |
| | Downstream side of Thirteen Mile Road | 883 | |
| | Upstream side of Thirteen Mile Road | 884 | |
| | At Haggerty Road | 894 | |
| PEBBLE CREEK | At eastern corporate limits | 691 | |
| | Upstream side of Inlander Road | 696 | |
| | Downstream side of Forest Brook Road | 707 | |
| | 50 feet upstream of Forest Brook Road | 710 | |
| | 1,500 feet upstream of Forest Brook Road | 710 | |
| | Upstream side of Twelve Mile Road | 713 | |
| | Downstream side of Olivers Street | 723 | |
| | Upstream side of Danvers Street Dam | 729 | |
| | Downstream side of Footbridge (downstream of Danvers Court West) | 738 | |
| | Upstream side of Danvers Court West | 744 | |
| PEBBLE CREEK | 1,100 feet downstream of Wellington Road | 756 | |
| | Downstream side of Wellington Road | 762 | |
| | Upstream side of Wellington Road | 769 | |
| | 1,500 feet upstream of Wellington Road | 790 | |
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UPPER RIVER ROUGE

| Source of Flooding | Location | Elevation in Feet (National Geodetic Vertical Datum) | |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| UPPER RIVER ROUGE | Upstream side of Eight Mile Road | 646 | |
| | At Middlebelt Road | 662 | |
| | Upstream side of Puck Road | 660 | |
| | Upstream side of Foxboro Drive | 667 | |
| | Downstream side of Orchard Lake Road | 671 | |
| | Upstream side of Orchard Lake Road | 675 | |
| | 500 feet upstream of Nine Mile Road | 676 | |
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|---|--|--|
| PEBBLE CREEK | Downstream side of Middlebelt Road | 812 |
| | Upstream side of Middlebelt Road | 815 |
| | Downstream side of Thirteen Mile Road | 825 |
| | Upstream side of Thirteen Mile Road | 825 |
| | Downstream side of West Gate Road Bridge | 830 |
| | Upstream side of West Gate Road Bridge | 834 |
| | 2,300 feet upstream of West Gate Road Bridge | 845 |
| | Upstream side of Orchard Lake Road Bridge | 856 |
| | Downstream side of Hunters Drive Bridge No. 1 | 871 |
| | Upstream side of Hunters Drive Bridge No. 2 | 873 |
| PEBBLE CREEK | 500 feet upstream of Running Stream Drive (Bridge No. 2) | 884 |
| | At northern corporate limits | 890 |
| | At southern corporate limits | 700 |
| | Downstream side of Gill Road | 710 |
| | Upstream side of Gill Road | 713 |
| | Upstream side of Bridgeman Avenue | 716 |
| | Downstream side of Nine Mile Road | 728 |
| | Upstream of Drake Road | 738 |
| | Downstream side of Interstate 96 | 741 |
| | 500 feet upstream of Interstate 96 | 746 |
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