



John Glick, nationally famous artist-potter, showed some of his works to an overflow crowd when he spoke at the Farmington Hills library during the Farmington Founders' Festival. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

## Glick wows 'em

# Artist tells of changing style

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

John Glick has honed his potter's art to the point where he can combine the seeming contradictions of tradition and innovation.

The Farmington Hills potter discussed how he arrived at his style before a crowded gathering at Farmington Hills Library auditorium recently.

Both Glick and his art have changed from his time as a graduate student at Wayne State University in 1960. The intense looking young man with short hair, a tie and suit produced intense, conservative pottery.

"It was very conservative, very hesitant, very traditional and very exciting to me at the time," Glick confided to the audience during the Founders' Festival's Evening with John Glick.

The plain plates with their tightly added border decoration eventually gave way to dinnerware with flowing decoration and cut edges. In spite of the loose decoration it was years before Glick painted the center of the plate.

"To me it meant I had a concern that maybe dinner ware shouldn't be decorated," he said.

As decoration spread across the plates, the Japanese influence on Glick's work became less of an attempt

at copying their style. The Japanese feeling about the work became integrated with Glick's own thoughts on pottery.

HIS RECENT work for Joan Mondale, wife of the vice president, serves as another example of the progression of Glick's style.

Unlike the tightly matched group of plates of his grad school days, the recent work isn't a series of duplicate pieces. Each plate leaves a different impression. They look as if they belong to the same set, but each plate has its own points of interest.

They are examples of the spontaneous feeling that Glick looks for in his work.

The design on each plate is spontaneous.

## Duo is awarded scholarships

Two Farmington area students were among 100 high school graduates from the state who received board of control scholarships from Michigan Technological University. They are: Brenda K. Limatta of Farmington High School and Anne E. Scheffler of North Farmington High School.

ous instead of planned. After 15 years of working on his craft, Glick uses loose notions in decorating his work.

To plan would be to kill his intention. Changing his style while working in a craft is a new option that wasn't traditionally available to artisans. Traditionally, they would perfect a style and keep with it.

While Glick keeps his work utilitari-

an, it's far from pedestrian.

A teapot by Glick can be used. It has a spout, a handle and a belly. But the style, the size and the coloring of the pot changes as Glick's style and his perception of what he wants to do with his art evolves.

He cherishes the chance to evolve. "This to me is the lifeblood of my craft," he says.

## Hills students earn MD degrees at U-M

Four Farmington Hills residents were among the largest class in the 129-year history of the University of Michigan Medical School to receive medical degrees in June.

They include Malcolm Hill III, of 29940 Woodbrook Drive, and Daniel J. Kim, son of Dr. and Mrs. Y.S. Kim of 2944 Danvers Court.

Susan B. Perry, daughter of David and V. Rosalie Perry of 29312 Raleigh,

and a graduate of Farmington High was also graduated from U-M.

Ms. Perry will begin her residency program in family practice this month. Donald Maisel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Maisel of 31325 Stonewood, also graduated.

Maisel is a graduate of North Farmington High and received his bachelor of science degree from U-M.

## Kiwanis 64th convention draws local member

Lloyd Smith of Farmington attended the 64th annual Kiwanis International convention July 1-4 in Toronto.

Smith is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Farmington and also state music chairman and a past president of the club.

Approximately 20,000 persons attended the four-day event. Kiwanis International is a men's service organization for community leaders. It has 300,000 members in 7,500 clubs in 69 countries.

Main convention speakers included General Clarence D. Wiseman of Toronto; Kiwanis International president Hilmar Solberg of Wisconsin; Paul Frantz of Montana, president of Circle K International; Harry Reasoner, CBS anchorman and "60 Minutes" TV commentator; and Bill Senger, president of Key Club International, from Massachusetts.

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