

Flower show designed for all seasons

Farmington Garden Club's flower show filled the Farmington Community Center's spacious living room with an array of bright-colored flower designs under the theme "A Time for All Seasons."

Yellow daffodils and red geraniums, pink protea and white lilies were among the many blooms used to depict the four seasons, designed in both traditional and modern styles.

Margaret Moore took two blue ribbons in the competition; one for a bird of paradise arrangement in a pewter-brushed copper urn representing fall; the other for her pink protea arrangement with date palm branches and pineapples leaves depicting summer.

"Our most imaginative arrangement was designed by Harriet Rheume," said Phyllis Welch, speaking for the club.

"Her dried flower arrangement was made from sunflower calices. She attached crystallized alum to these to form synthetic snow crystals, representing winter's icy weather," Mrs. Welch said.

Kay Blakeney, president of the group, walked away from the show with a blue ribbon for her arrangement of calla lilies and thorned branches surrounding a madonna figurine, to depict the Easter season.

THE HORTICULTURE section of the show featured house plants, some with blossoms and others with lush foliage.

"Some of these were branches, of forsythia and apple blossom, for example, forced to bloom before season," Mrs. Welch said.

Nancy Johnson was chairwoman of

the show. Mrs. Philip Henault directed the participation of the Junior Gardeners' contribution to the event.

After prizes were awarded and ribbons won, Ann Gehrke, the Michigan

state chairwoman of Flower Show Schools and a Michigan state blue ribbon judge, conducted an informative critique of the arrangements for the contributors.



When the judges tallies were handed in, it was Marge Allen's job to place the appropriate ribbon on the winning entries. One of the high points of the show for members of Farmington Garden Club was

the critique of arrangements submitted, made by the flower show judge. (Staff photo by Randy Bors) :

Young musicians, dancers featured in Center Symphony's family concert

Young instrumentalists will be featured in addition along with the Festival Dancers in the Center Symphony's family concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday. It will be held in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre of the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Julius Chajes is conductor. Harriet Berg directs the Festival Dancers.

Elizabeth Rowin, a 15-year-old violinist, will perform the Vivaldi Concerto.

to in A Minor with David Wilson, larpischord. Elizabeth began her violin studies with LeRoy Fenstermacher. She spent the last five summers at Interlochen, where she studied with Paul Stasky and played in the orchestra, as well as performing chamber music.

Aside from her school orchestra, she has played with the Oakland Youth Orchestra and is playing with the Center Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Sym-

phony Civic Orchestra and the Detroit Civic Chamber Orchestra.

At present, she is studying violin in Ann Arbor with Evelyn and Michael Avsharian. This summer she will be attending The Meadowmount School of Music of the Society for Strings, Inc.

EDWARD BENYAS, oboes, and Patrick O'Connor, flute, will be heard in Cimarosa's Concerto in D Major with a cadenza composed by Benyas especially for this concert.

Benyas, 16, a senior at Roeper City and Country School, has played the oboe for eight years. He has studied with Ted Baskin and Martha Alfee, and is studying with Donald Baker. Besides playing chamber music at school, Benyas has played in several amateur, honors, and professional ensembles.

These include Southfield Youth Symphony, Michigan State High School Honors Band, Interlochen All-State High School Orchestra, Will-O-Way Theatre, Avon Theatre and the West Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

His first solo appearance was in his debut with the Center Symphony in 1977 when he played the Corelli-Bar-

biorelli Oboe Concerto. Benyas plays English horn, percussion and several other instruments in addition to arranging music, chiefly for his own woodwind quintet. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benyas in West Bloomfield.

O'CONNOR HAS played flute professionally for seven years. Former principal flutist of the Bloomfield Hills High School Orchestra, he has studied with Joanne Peters, Robert Patrick, and Toshiro Mitsuomi. In addition to playing the flute, he is a saxophonist, percussionist and composer.

He is in his final year at Michigan State University as an elementary education major. In his spare time, O'Connor also serves as the classical music critic of The Eclecticist.

Benyas and O'Connor were students at Roeper School for five years where they played many concerts together.

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