

# Seniors show arts, crafts

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 out here. If we've ever lost a student it was because they got sick or moved away."  
 Ms. Schmidt added "The only competition we get is from the dance classes. They run on Wednesdays too and we're going to have to do something about that schedule next year."

THE PAINTING classes, the craft classes and The Gathering Place's food-co-op, which was initiated by Bernice Chulomouch last fall, drop at the end of the month for a summer break. Otherwise, all swimming and exercise sessions, bingo, meals, and the regular agenda of speakers and events continue as usual.  
 The end of the season tally made by Ms. Chulomouch showed that the food

co-op, which was tailor made to suit the regulars at The Gathering Place, was netting the area's senior adults a 60-100 percent savings on their food purchases.  
 "Produce is one of the big things here," she said, "and most of our visitors have their own vegetable gardens. We started this last November for a six month try-out and it's worked. We'll start again in the fall."  
 Senior adults who want to indulge in painting or craft classes likewise save a good deal of money for a hobby or to develop their talents.  
 Painters pay \$1 a session, or \$2.50 for three sessions, which takes care of basic supplies, ordered by Ms. Schmidt and generally purchased with a discount.  
 "Art Alcove (in downtown Farming-

ton) has been very good to us," Ms. Schmidt said.  
 Overall administrator of the Painting classes is the Farmington Art Foundation, the service arm of the Farmington Art Club, whose members make up the instructors.  
 CRAFT CLASSES are similarly low in price running about \$1 for a kit that will make up one complete item, with professional instruction coming from Ms. Singer and her staff who are employees of Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.  
 Admission to the afternoon show is without charge. The Gathering Place is located in Mercy Center, on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road. Guests are asked to enter from Gate 4.



## Seeing mother off

Mother Gilbreth, played by Mary Krolecki of Farmington Hills, takes off for Europe and leaves Anne and Tom, portrayed by Sharon Radan of West Bloomfield and Bob McSweeney of Farmington Hills, in charge of the household in the Family Players production of "Bells on Their Toes." Curtain time is 8 p.m. for the evening performances

and 2 p.m. for Saturday matinees in the play that runs May 30-31 and June 6-7 in Franklin Elementary School. The school is on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile Road in Franklin. Tickets are available at the door. Advance tickets are available by calling Alia Prain, 553-4810.

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