

AAUW grants honor Mary Lou Seldon, Nancy Davis

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Two education grants that will be given this year by Farmington Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) will carry the names of Mary Lou Seldon and Nancy Davis.

The two women were singled out as name grant honorees by the group because of their devoted support of AAUW, their community and family responsibilities.

Each spring the branch contributes money to the National AAUW's Education Foundation Fund stemming from its annual used book sale given each fall in Livonia Mall. It is the members only fund raiser.

In turn, branch members honor their

own by giving the grants in the name of one or two of its members.

The Farmington Branch ranked sixth out of 59 Michigan branches in contributions to the educational fund this year, and the state came in second in the nation.

All of the money is used to give AAUW members assistance in furthering studies and research.

AWARDS ARE NOT new to Mary Lou Seldon who holds the "Teacher of the Year" award from the Farmington Area Jaycees and a Special Olympics Gold Medal Award for her work as a cheerleader coach.

Accolades have also come to her from Oakland County Association of Retarded Children and Michigan Dis-

trict Lutheran Church.

The teacher of special education classes in Farmington Public Schools has extended her work with retarded children far beyond the classroom. She is a consultant to many church groups who have opened classrooms for the retarded to provide them with religious education. She has worked with the Special Olympics, for New Horizons and Fairhaven Camp in Hartland for the handicapped.

Ms. Seldon is also an avid gardener who has garnered a good number of ribbons for flower arrangements, with a bent towards lilies and chrysanthemums, in Michigan State Fair competitions and through her affiliation with Hill and Dale Garden Club.

She is also a consistent worker for the AAUW's used book sales.

NANCY FARNWORTH DAVIS had her education interrupted by marriage and four children, then went back to school to receive a degree in 1972.

Members of the local AAUW claim that as their good fortune because she has been an active member since. She has served in the capacity of hospitality chairman and a branch officer, and this year takes on again the position as Book Sale chairman with Florence Ditko for the sale this September.

Mrs. Davis has been a volunteer with Farmington's Bucket Brigade for eight years and has worked with New Horizons for the past five years.

She is a volunteer for the Farming-

ton Community Libraries and the Farmington Community Center and a member of the choir at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

This week the Farmington Branch AAUW moves its general meeting to

the 47th District Courthouse when the members of the group's Educational Foundations Committee will make a gift of two art objects to Judge Margaret Sheaffer and Michael Hand to be placed in their courtrooms.



MARY LOU SELDON



NANCY DAVIS

Open meeting planned for grant presentations

Farmington Branch American Association of University of Women move its May general meeting to the 47th District Court House for the group's spring presentation of grants to the community.

The meeting opens at 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21, in the courthouse on Ten Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

Gifts of two art objects will be given to be hung in the courtrooms of Judge Margaret Sheaffer and Judge Michael Hand.

Gifts of money will be given to the Farmington Community Center and the Farmington Community Library. A scholarship will be given to Oakland University.

Guests are invited to the meeting and participate in a tour of the court

facility that will be given by Judge Sheaffer and her staff.

AAUW membership is open to all women who hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited four year college. Carol Mahone will take membership inquiries by calling her at 591-0181.

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Artists, craftsmen, show their work at The Gathering Place

Senior adults who meet in The Gathering Place are getting ready now to show the arts and crafts they have been working on through the year from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 29, in their meeting place in Mercy Center.

Jo Schmidt, who heads up the art classes for senior adults and has since they were started six years ago, expects about 40 paintings will be hung for the show.

Yvonne Singer, who has led the craft classes for the same number of years, couldn't take a guess at how many crafts would be displayed, but said porcelain eggs, paper tolle creations and silk flowers were the favorites this year.

In addition, Ms. Singer has arranged for several other display booths so those with special talents can show their works.

be bigger this year than ever before for no other reason than that The Gathering Place continues to keep attracting more drop-ins to its five day a week 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. schedule of activities.

The painting classes and the craft sessions follow the overall philosophy of all events listed on the monthly schedule; no one is asked to sign up for anything, there is no commitment, just come and go as you please.

In the words of Helen Dombrowski, an artist who volunteers her time and talents to teach the every-Wednesday oil painters, "There is no competition. No marks. No one is striving for an A. If you get sick or go on a vacation you haven't lost any money for a pre-paid class."

Mrs. Dombrowski's counterpart, Lydia Gajda, said of the drop-in philosophy, "I don't think we've ever had a drop-

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Tenay Upchurch, a newcomer to The Gathering Place painting classes, gets instructions from Jo Schmidt, who administers the program sponsored by Farmington Art Foundation. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

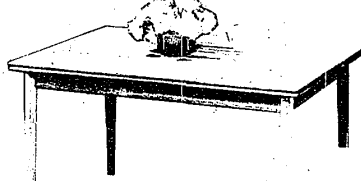


Instructor Helen Dombrowski (at left) gives an assist to Irene Grillon on a painting that will be on display May 29. Mrs. Dombrowski has been sharing her time and talents

in The Gathering Place every Wednesday afternoon for the past several years. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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