

# 'Chrome' goes on display during artists' fall show

One of the Farmington Artists Club's most-renowned members is Tom Hale, prize winner of the 113th annual American Watercolor Society Gold Medal Exhibition.

Visitors to the club's fall exhibit will see the work, "Chrome," that brought Hale the prestigious award. He will exhibit the work throughout show hours, Nov. 21-23 in Mercy Center.

The artist also is donating a print of another of his paintings, "1937 Cord," for the show's raffle. The print is one of a series of three and valued at \$140.

The Farmington artist says he tried for seven years before one of his paintings was accepted to the American Watercolor Society (AWS) show. In order to use the coveted initials AWS after his or her signature, an artist must be accepted in three of those exhibitions in

a 10-year period and be sponsored by a fellow artist to become a member of AWS. There are only three members in Michigan.

THE PRESTIGIOUS award is selected from 3,000-5,000 slides submitted from throughout the U.S. Each artist is allowed only one entry.

From these slides a preliminary jury of 10 experts selects 150 pieces.

"At this point," Hale says, "the artist gets involved with the mechanics of building sturdy shipping crates, insurance and a lot of prayers that the piece will arrive in good shape."

The final second judging for prizes is done by three jurors from the actual paintings.

"Few casual observers realize the problems involved in the creation of a

painting," Hale said.

Beginning with the seed of an idea, Hale might take as many as 200 black and white photographs for reference.

"By using black and white, the artist is not influenced by color," he says, "but is better able to work through the basic structure of composition and value."

Once the foundation is established and the application of color begins, the problems can multiply as each area of color affects another.

During the six months it took to complete "Chrome" the fender area alone was completely reworked several times.

"An extremely important ingredient in painting is getting to know your subject in order to paint with authority," he said.

HALE is a senior styling designer for American Motors Company.

A reproduction of "Chrome" will be featured on the cover of Yankee Magazine sometime in 1981.

The Farmington Artists Club's fall show will follow the format of past shows.

There will be three galleries; one with a jury, one open, and a budget section of unframed, all-original works.

Visitors to the show will be asked to vote for their favorite work in the show to honor an artist with "The Popular Vote Award." And visitors will be offered raffle tickets for paintings contributed by the members.

Money made from the raffle is earmarked to carry on the work of the Farmington Art Foundation, the service arm of the club.



"Chrome" measures 30 by 40 inches and is the work of Farmington artist Tom Hale that captured the first prize in the 113th American Watercolor Society's show and won its creator a Gold Medal.

## club circuit

NATIONAL GUILD OF PIANO TEACHERS meets at 9:15 a.m. Friday in Christ Memorial United Presbyterian Church, 1318 S. Stevenson, Royal Oak.

Guests are invited to no charge.

Roger Jamison heads the program "Lightening the Lesson" with several members who will play humorous pieces for junior and senior high school students.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, Farmington Hills 2088 chapter, meets at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in the downstairs room of Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road.

Speaker for the afternoon is Max Churchill, from Greater Detroit Society for the Blind.

persons over the age of 30, meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Handman Hall, Temple Beth El, at 14 Mile and Telegraph roads.

Speaker for the evening is Rabbi Daniel I. Schwartz.

A \$3 donation is asked at the door. Guests are welcome.

FARMINGTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Farmington Community Library, 23550 Liberty Street.

Speaker for the evening is Allosa Anderson on "Record Keeping, Indexing and Cross Referencing, the Names People Carry."

THE GATHERING PLACE is now filling up its second bus to take seniors to the Pontiac Silverdome Sunday for

the Senior Olympics. Seniors' round-trip transportation is \$2 and reservations are being taken now in The Gathering Place, in Mercy Center, 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt Road.

The first meeting of the new Stroke Club gets under way at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The meetings continue on Tuesday mornings for all persons who have suffered a stroke, and family members of those who are stroke victims.

At 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Sherry Deegs, a librarian at Farmington Hills Community Library will show the color movie, "Golden Age of the Automobile."

Oakland County Health Department Personnel will be in The Gathering Place from 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Oct. 22, to give flu shots.

The Gathering Place is open from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays. A complete listing of the month's on-going activities and special events are printed in The Senior Messenger, which can be picked up without charge in The Gathering Place.

FARMINGTON HILLS JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the home of Rae

Howard, 34466 Mayfair Court, in Rolling Oaks Subdivision.

Speaker for the evening is Kathy Nyberg, a member of The Committee for Children's Television.

She will speak and show a film on television's negative and positive effects on children and how parents can better deal with, and regulate, children's use of television. Membership inquiries are taken by Sandy Danton, president of the group, 661-1684.

LAMAZE CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA offers a presentation for expectant parents, or others interested in the procedures as well as the emotional, psychological and physiological effects of Caesarian delivery.

The session begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, in Room 202, Professional Building, Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River.

Donation of \$5 per couple will be asked at the door. Inquiries about the association and its programs will be taken by calling Therese Marshall, 425-6075.

## Senator tells women how to use political clout

American Association of University Women host State Senator Douglas Ross (D) at 7:45 p.m. Oct. 22 in Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road.

The meeting is open to guests without charge.

Following a brief business meeting, Ross will address the group on the issues of women using strategy, through organizations they belong, as advocates for social and political causes.

A question and answer period will follow his talk.

Ross has represented the 15th State Senatorial District since 1978. He has been a long-time advocate of citizen action.

He was founder and co-director of Michigan Citizens Lobby, founder of Citizens to Save Small Business and served as director for Michigan Common Cause.

He holds a bachelor's degree from University of Michigan and a master's degree in public affairs from Princeton University.



DOUG ROSS

The American Association of University Women is open to all women holding a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Membership inquiries will be taken by calling Sandy Healy, 474-0937.

## Pulpit guest conducts services Oct. 17-19

Rev. Thomas Settlemyre will be the pulpit guest for First Church of God of Farmington Hills in a series of special services from Friday through Sunday.

Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, in the church, 23716 Power Road.

Pastor Settlemyre is a former pastor of Northwestern Church of God, when it was located in Detroit. He is now senior pastor of Vincennes Church of God, Vincennes, Ind.

The Rev. Wilbur M. Kirby is pastor of the local church.



REV. THOMAS SETTLEMIRE

## Club champ

Farmington Country Club's new club golf champion is Tom Early (at right) who won the title in a playoff with Harold Frombart. Early accepts the trophy from Pete Burt, president of the club on 12 Mile and Haggerty roads.

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