



Christmas walk through the center

Local garden club members, florists and antique dealers who specialize in dolls and toys will transform Farmington Community Center back to a turn-of-the-century setting for "A Christmas Walk" Friday through Sunday, Dec. 12-14. Ruby Raymond of Springbrook Gardens (left) wields the waist-high poinsettias for the event. Above, Eve Ed-

wards will lend a part of her collection of porcelain-head dolls, all replicas of antique originals. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, or 75 cents for students and seniors, asked at the door. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

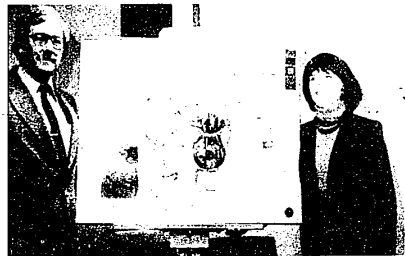
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"Window on Bay Street" is flanked by Frank Lohan (left) and Edee Joppich. Lohan is president of the Farmington Artists Club. Mrs. Joppich is top prize winner for both shows the club staged this year.

Joppich wins again

Edee Joppich was awarded the blue ribbon for her watercolor "Window on Bay Street," in the Farmington Artists Club's pre-Christmas show and sale. The Farmington artist, winner of many awards, took the same top prize when the club staged its spring exhibit this year.

Juror David Sharp, on the faculty of Eastern Michigan University, gave second prize to Gladys McMillan for her unframed watercolor.

Third prize went to Connie Lucus for

"Morning Break," and fourth to Ireta Ekstrom for her pencil drawing, "4th Floor Old Main."

Tom Hall won the popular vote from show visitors for "House."

The Grumbacher Award went to Audrey DiMarco and the Binney-Smith Award to Marjorie Chellstorp.

Those on the honorable mentions roster were Lydia Gajda, James Giannantonio, Annetta Lind, Ronald Parry, Mary Souder, Barbara Turney and Mrs. Joppich, for another painting she put up for jurying.

Feminists react to conservatism

By SHERRY KAHAN

The New Right can be beaten — because of inconsistencies in its position, because its methods cost millions and because of splits among the evangelicals.

That is the message Margot Morrow, historian in women's studies at the University of Michigan, brought to the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the National Organization of Women.

"The longer New Right spokesmen talk on TV, the more people will flee to the progressive side," she told 25 women meeting in Hoover School in Livonia.

"I really think history is on our side," she said.

"The American people are not as mean spirited and negative as the Moral Majority would have it."

Jerry Falwell, leader of the Moral Majority, talks reasonably on TV, she said, but his articles identify liberals as demons responsible for drugs, the breakdown of the American family and every problem in American life.

He once claimed the decline of America was due to the Pentagon's being infiltrated by NOW, she added.

Ms. Morrow called inconsistent the move by New Rightist Richard Viguerie to bring about regulation of premarital sex and adultery.

"He wants to get rid of government regulations on one hand, but wants to regulate the nation's bedrooms on the other," she said.

IN LISTING reasons why she thinks the New Right will decline eventually, Ms. Morrow said district targeting costs millions.

In one California congressional district, she said, the New Right spent \$1.2 million, but its candidate was just barely elected.

"It can't continue to pour in infinite amounts of money," she said. "It will eventually deplete its resources."

But lessons can be learned from the New Right's election techniques such as mass computerized mailing and building up coalitions to support each other's issues, Mrs. Morrow said.

"There is no reason progressives can't use the same techniques to get their candidates elected," she added.

The splits among evangelical groups are an important factor, she said.

"Bob Jones of Bob Jones University called Jerry Falwell the anti-Christ because the Falwell coalition includes Catholics and Jews," Mrs. Morrow said.

"Michigan for Biblical Morality disapproves of Falwell being pals with politicians. Great evangelist preachers like Billy Graham aren't backing the arms race as does the New Right."

"You never see him coming out for the MX missile."

THE SPEAKER also said she could see New Right support among blue collar workers as a short-lived thing.

"I don't think they want to get rid of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OSHA). They don't want right-to-work laws, and they want unions to stay in politics."

She reminded her audience that it took 58 years for women to win the right to vote.

"But we did prevail," she said, "and I think the winds of political change will shift in our direction, maybe in the election of 1982."

One reason is that new voices are being heard.

"My phone has hardly stopped ringing since the election," she said. "People are asking how to get involved."

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Janet Evans, at left, a chapter president for NOW and Margo Morrow are both Farmington area residents working with the feminist movement to combat the New Right. (Staff photo by Bill Bresler)

Farmington Garden Club takes service award from Keep Michigan Beautiful

Mrs. William G. Blakeney accepted a Distinguished Service Certificate from Keep Michigan Beautiful this month in behalf of the members of Farmington Garden Club.

The club won the honor during the association's annual meeting in Lansing for the work it had done in placing artistic arrangements in public buildings; with Junior Gardeners (a club for youth which patterns itself after the senior club); and working with seniors in garden therapy.

Farmington Garden Club is the oldest of its kind in the area, organized in 1932, and federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs and Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan.

It has served as the parent club for most of the garden clubs in the immediate area, as well as several in other nearby communities.

Awards are familiar to the area's first group of gardeners. The club's purpose is to aid in conservation of resources, to encourage civic improvements, to sponsor junior gardeners and to study the art of flower arranging and gardening in all aspects.

In the past 48 years it has won awards of one sort or another in all of these facets.

EACH YEAR, Keep Michigan Beautiful honors those whose work in their communities has helped either with the overall beautification of the area, beautification of one particular area, or whose efforts have been directed toward anti-litter or anti-vandalism programs.

Its purpose is to encourage and promote projects to educate Michigan citizens against littering and to promote programs of outdoor beautification.

Headquarters for the organization are in Farmington, under the direction of its board of directors and executive director, Mrs. John Richardson.

A small office staff maintains the carrying out of programs directed by the board. These include an annual clean-up month each spring, a year-round school anti-vandalism program, and a constant correspondence for requests for information regarding beautification and environmental projects and programs.

Along with Mrs. Blakeney, the Farmington area was represented at the state meeting by William Blakeney, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Buelteman, Mrs. William Telford and Mrs. Dwight Gordon.

Mrs. Blakeney accepted the award from Lincoln Avery, president of Keep Michigan Beautiful.

Jac LeGoff, anchorman for Channel 7 Action News, served as master of ceremonies for the awards meeting.

FARMINGTON Garden Club meets monthly in Farmington Community Center. Members will decorate the center for the holidays this month, as they have since they made the center their permanent home when it opened 11 years ago.

Members also finance, plant and maintain selected gardens on the center's grounds, as well as finance, plant and maintain a community park.

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