

Show opens Friday

Jurying begins for artists' spring show in Mercy Center

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Members of Farmington Artists Club have started the countdown for their spring show. Jurying begins this week of the 300 pieces that have been submitted for the show's prestigious juried gallery. Of that number only about 100 will be seen by those who attend the



David Sharp, from Eastern Michigan University's art department, was hosted by Farmington Artists Club members a few weeks ago to critique paintings as members prepared for the spring show. The painting is the work of Marge Stock.

three-day event in Mercy Center. Show hours will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday in Mercy's formal lounge. Admission is free, and refreshments are complimentary. Juror for the show is Davira Taragin of the Detroit Institute of Art where she works as assistant curator of modern art. Artists will learn about Ms. Taragin's decisions until the night of the artist reception, on Thursday, that is given only for the artists and their families.

FARMINGTON Artists Club is now in its 16th year, and many of its members are prominent artists and prize winners. In spite of its name, members come from throughout the metropolitan area. At a recent meeting members voted to allow 25 more members into the club from its extensive and perpetual waiting list.

They also voted, emphatically, to keep their exhibits in the current format that has become both popular as well as traditional with art lovers in the area.

The format includes the juried gallery of paintings, the open gallery, and the budget gallery of unframed works. Every member of the club is expected to work toward showtime, not only as a contributing artist but as a volunteer on one of the many committees necessary to pull the show together.

The artists honor their own by voting on "The Artist Choice Awards." Then the public gets in to an active part of the show by voting for its favorite work in "The Popular Vote Award." Show-goers are also invited to buy raffle tickets for the 12 works of art that have been donated by the artists. Proceeds support The Farmington Art Foundation, the service arm of the club.

CO-CHAIRMEN for the spring show



The process of elimination begins for Davira Taragin who will select only 100 of the 300 submitted pieces to be hung in the show's juried gallery. The judging is done in secrecy in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Artists will not learn whose work was selected for the juried gallery or who the prize winners are until Thursday night.

are Gwen Tomkow and Marge Stock. Nancy Bundorf and Rose Barr are gallery chairmen.

Publicity is handled by Alice Nichols and Donna Vogelheim. Posters around town advertising the show have been done by Marie Brown.

Roz Kerr and Shirley Hulet take care of the mailing. Jo Griffing enhances the exhibits with flower arrangements. Sunday afternoon, at closing time, is probably the most hectic time of all for the artists.

Then all artists, who have already pledged a number of hours to act as hosts and hostesses at the show, return to pick up the remaining work, dismantle pegboards, remove everything from the exhibit area and return it to storage.

The shows were initiated to give a market for the member artists. Now, through the raffle and the Farmington Art Foundation, the show also supports The Picture Lady Program, an art-enrichment class in elementary schools and painting classes for seniors in The Gathering Place.



Last-minute brush strokes are put on a painting by Farmington Artist Club member Kiki Styke with the hopes that it will make the juried gallery of the club's spring show.



Mary Ann Sorek (at left) and Nancy Bundorf man the desk to give Farmington Artists Club members information on the coming spring exhibit. Ms. Sorek is a co-chairman for the club raffle. Ms. Bundorf is a gallery chairman.

Beautiful babies sought

Farmington Area Jayettes "Baby Beautiful Contest" is under way now in the group's annual spring promotion of its infant-safety program, Buckle Up Babies, (BUBs).

The contest is open to all babies from birth to those whose first birthday is before April 1, 1981.

Entries are judged on photos not larger than 5 by 7 inches sent to Baby Beautiful Contest, 22839 Maple Road, Farmington 48024, postmarked before April 30.

The name of the parents, the child's name, address, phone number and baby's birthday are to be written on the back of the photo. Photos will not be returned.

The winner will be determined on beauty only by judges who are residents of Farmington Nursing Home. The winners will be announced in the Farmington Observer in May.

Prizes are a GM Youth Car Seat and a GM Love Mobile Stroller, donated by Bob Saks Oldsmobile.

THE JAYCETTES began its BUBs program with the rental of Love Seats when it was learned that the automobile is one of the leading causes of accidental death for the child under one year of age.

General Motors developed the Child Love Seat after years of intensive research in answer to statistics showing that about 1,000 passengers under the age of 4 are killed every year.

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The Jayettes in the Farmington Chapter purchased the Love Seats for rental since the cost is fairly expensive for an item that will be used for a short period of time.

THE MEMBERSHIP owns 35 seats now that are in constant rotation. A seat can be rented for a nine-month period for \$9, plus \$7 deposit.

Any money that is made on the rentals goes back into the community towards any one of numerous service programs the Jayettes support.

In 1980 the group supplied the funds for two pieces of playground equipment that has since been installed in Farmington City Park.

Carol Jurek is chairperson of the BUBs program and the affiliated Baby Beautiful Contest. She will take inquiries at 476-0759.



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Nine-month old Derek Board, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Board, is among the first contenders for this year's title of "Most Beautiful Baby." Derek poses in his GM Love Seat for the contest, which is given to promote infant safety in automobiles.

Farmington Players close season with British comedy

The comedy "How The Other Half Loves," opening April 24 and running four consecutive weekends, is the final production of the 1980-81 season for the Farmington Players.

The show will be presented in the group's Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

A lively episode in the lives of three couples, "How The Other Half Loves" is by popular British playwright Alan Ayckbourn, often referred to as England's answer to Neil Simon.

The six-character play stars Romayne Kachmarczyk and Erik Carlson, both of Farmington; Judy Rosati, Dave McCabe and Tom Szymke, all of Farmington Hills, and Cynthia Doehler of Union Lake.

Szymke is making his debut with the Players in the comedy role, while the other cast members have all appeared in previous Farmington Players productions.

Sharon Kolbasa of Pontiac is director; Judy Uridge of Farmington is producer; Ed Keller of Hazel Park is assistant director, and George Uridge of Farmington is stage manager.

Performances are scheduled Friday through Sunday, April 24-26, and May 1-3; Thursday through Sunday, May 7-10; Thursday through Saturday, May 14-16.

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. nightly, except Sunday when it's 7:30 p.m.

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Center calls for sale donations

Farmington Community Center's staff asks area residents to donate discards after spring cleaning to its second annual rummage sale, set to run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

Pat Coleman, chairwoman of the sale, will have volunteers on hand in the center to accept tax-deductible contributions beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, May 1.

All proceeds from the sale go towards the continuing operation of the non-profit center at 24705 Farmington Road.