

DAR hosts essay winner

Quakertown chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will begin its regular meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Farmington Hills Community Library. The chapter is celebrating American History Month and the 250th anniversary of George Washington's birthday.

Jennifer Luther, 7th grade American History Essay winner from Temple Christian School in Redford, and her parents, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Luther, will be honored guests. Jennifer will read her winning essay, "A Famous American Born in February — Laura Ingalls Wilder." Mrs. Ervin W. Love, American History Month chairwoman, will present Jennifer with a bronze medal and certificate.

The American History Essay Contest is open to students in grades 5-8. The winning essay of each chapter is sent to the state chairman. They are judged on state, divisional and national levels by a panel of three non-DAR judges.

Gold medals will be presented to divisional winners. The four national winners (one in each grade) will receive a gold medal and \$100 savings bond. The essays of the national winners are published in the Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine.



Jennifer Luther
winners of the American Revolution Magazine.
Speaker for the day is Mrs. Milton E. Hopkins, past state historian and past regent of Quakertown chapter. Her topic is "Little Known Facts of Washington's Life." Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Reservations may be made by calling the regent, Mrs. Don P. Fairchild, at 534-7535.

Fiber artist teaches basketmaking classes

Scott Smith, nationally recognized fiber artist, will offer basketmakers three styles of baskets in workshops at Farmington Community Center. "Herringbone Mill Basket," at 10 a.m. Feb. 18, teaches how to make a 19th century basket using original techniques and materials. It was used in textile mills for storing scrap pieces of fiber, is rectangular, and derives its name from the diagonal movement of its pattern.

"Melon Basket," at 10 a.m. March 4, and "Onion Basket," at 10 a.m. March 18, are reproductions of baskets from

the 19th century. Smith will teach principles that early man used long ago, yet are still used today. Smith has a certificate of design from Pratt Institute in New York and teaches and lectures in Michigan. He is represented in invitational art shows throughout the state and his baskets are carried in country shops in the Midwest.

Fee for each two-session workshop is \$20. Registration is at 24705 Farmington Road. It is suggested that students have some knowledge of basketry for the class.

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