

# Juror names 5 winners in artists club's show

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Rather than giving the usual first, second and third place awards, Juror Richard J. Bilalitis named five first-place winners in Farmington Artists Club's fall exhibit.

Coming in for the blue ribbons were Audrey Dimarco of Livonia, Eve Samra of Farmington, Corinne Weisman of Birmingham, Judy Gresser of Livonia and Jerrine Habsburg of Farmington Hills.

The winners led the field in competition with 200 submitted works of art for the prestigious juried gallery of the show. But even that number had already been pared down to less than 100 chosen to be hung for the three-day exhibit that closed Sunday.

Bilalitis remarked that generally, the show reflected high levels of competence and "a large share of the entered works were very strong, showing a great deal of diversity."

As a Juror, Bilalitis said he tried to recognize the various approaches and

styles to media that were offered, but sometimes "a painting strikes a responsive note despite the fact that the technique is not superior. That is, the impact of the painting overrides its technical or craft aspects," he said.

DIMARCO TOOK her first-place award for "Section Four-Eleven," a painting Bilalitis called "strong with forms and colors that work well."

Of Samra's work, called "Money Plant," Bilalitis said, "This artist took a subject which could be a banality and

lifted it to a high degree."

"Fantastic Garden" won the first prize for Weisman. The juror called the work, "Very, very rich, with a sophisticated use of an almost unpleasant color. It is whimsical, entertaining and exciting, showing exuberance and high inventiveness."

"Outcrop" by Gresser shared in the honors, "as a strong landscape statement," Bilalitis said.

Habsburg, probably best known in this area for her portraits, won the hon-

ors with "Still Life with Stone Frog." Bilalitis called her work "Deft handling of rich color with a simplified reality which suggests the essence of what painting is all about."

Bilalitis is chairman of the department of art and art history at Wayne State University, as well as a practicing artist whose work is included in both private and public collections.

DURING THE opening reception for artists and patrons, Farmington Artists Club members vote for their favorite works in the open, unjuried gallery of the show.

This fall's Artists' Choice Award, sponsored by Farmington Area Arts Commission, went to Marge Chellistorp of Farmington Hills. The artists' choice was Chellistorp's watercolor, "Field Flowers."

Second spot in the Artists' Choice Award is called The Kortilia Award and was given to Gresser for her watercolor called "Blackberries." This prize is given in memory of Lillian Kortilia, a founding member of the club.

Third spot in the competition is sponsored by ASF Sales in Toledo, and was won by Charles DuBois of Novi for his acrylic called "Base Line Road."

During the three-day exhibit, all show-goers had a chance to voice an opinion by voting for their favorite work in the show.

Most popular painting in the show was "Teapot," a pastel done by Walter Mordarski, a Madison Heights resident. He won a gift certificate from Art Al-cove.

Second most popular painting was Barbara Molloy's oil called "Irish Setters." The New Hudson resident won a gift certificate from Nelson Custom Frames.

Third prize, a certificate from The Art Pad, went to Jo Schmidt, a Farmington Hills resident, for her acrylic called "Wooded Glen."

UNDER THE direction of exhibit chairman Nancy Bundorf and co-chairman Gladys McMillan, approximately 100 Farmington Artists Club members devoted about 1,000 volunteer hours in planning and implementing the exhibit.

With an estimated 1,200 works on display each year, the show is now regarded as one of the largest in the metropolitan area.

The exhibit is made possible through a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

## Pocket transistor keeps deer away

Often when reading the financial page we hear of companies setting up outlets overseas. Here are a few U.S. horticultural businesses with new owners from overseas.

Ferry-Morse Seed Co., which used to be in Detroit and Rochester, has been sold to a French firm. For several years Ferry-Morse has been in Mountain View, Calif.

The Goldsmith Seed Co., one of the leaders in growing seeds for wholesale distribution, was bought by a Danish firm. They are located in Gilroy, Calif.

Burpee Seed Co. was sold to International Telephone and Telegraph. Other seed companies have been bought by Atlantic Richfield, Agrigenetics, also the Celanese Corp.

ADDING UP the score it looks as though we live in one world. I have noticed that the publicity for these and other seed companies is sharper. The same fine people are still on their pay-rolls, continuing to do a good job. We just are living in a new world.

From Belfast, Maine comes the following suggestion. To prevent deer and

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troublesome animals from playing havoc with his garden at night, a successful gardener has tuned his pocket transistor radio to an all-night show, wrapped it in a plastic bag, and set it on a box in the middle of his garden. The gardener claims it is a complete success.

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden has just come out with a terrific book, "Culinary Herbs," Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225, 64 pages, \$3.95 including postage.

Many of our readers are traveling extensively out of the country and have cultivated new taste in flavorings. Herbs give a new flavor to vegetarian foods and lean meats. Gourmet cooks are deeply involved in studying and applying herbs.

The growing and propagation of herbs is covered. The writers of the booklet were invited to contribute because they were all specialists in this special field of horticulture. The booklet is filled with many, many pictures.

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