

Tennessee mountain lures artists to painting workshop

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staff writer

Alice Nichols, a Farmington artist who spends her summers in rural Tennessee, invites area artists to a spring workshop for a week of painting from her mountaintop cabin.

This is the second season Nichols will lure her Detroit-area friends and artists to Walden's Ridge, where a wealth of wildflowers, wildlife and scenic spots have been found for sketching, painting in oils or watercolors.

By the artist's count, 18 works of art produced from her spring and summer workshops last season were accepted into Farmington Artists Club's pre-Christmas show in 1982, and a couple of them were winners.

Nichols guarantees four full days of painting or sketching in the medium of her guests' choice with critique sessions; and one full day of sightseeing from the mountain, which is about halfway between the small towns of Dayton and Pikeville, about 600 miles from Detroit.

Spring workshop weeks are set for April 10-16 and April 17-23.

NICHOLS won the Artist-in-Residence tribute from Farmington Area Arts Commission in 1981. An art teacher, art lecturer and promoter of local arts; she is also an art juror and is now working on a book that will deal with

experimental watercolor techniques. She has won a long list of awards and prizes, most of them for her watercolors.

Her work as an art teacher has extended from teaching preschoolers to seniors for the past 23 years. She is a founder of Farmington Artists Club and the Farmington Art Foundation.

Through the foundation she was instrumental in bringing "The Picture Lady" program into Farmington Public Schools and the free art classes for seniors that are run in cooperation with Farmington Hills Senior Center and the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

Because of her heavy work schedule here, mostly in the areas of lecturing, teaching, jurying and critiquing now, Nichols' mountaintop cabin is used for what she calls her "getaway painting time."

The cabin is part studio, with a dormitory-type bedroom, a casual open dining and living area, and has a large deck extending across the rear of the cabin for outdoor painting with a woods view.

A walk down a wooded lane brings an overview of Sequachee Valley, flanked by small communities with a Southern atmosphere.

Spring comes early on the mountain, and fall comes late.

Nichols will send a workshop brochure by calling her at 474-5137.

Award-winning artist Alice Nichols, who teaches classes in her Farmington home during the winter months, offers workshops this spring for sketching and painting in rural Tennessee.



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community calendar

MACROBIOTICS

Thursday, March 24: "Macrobotics," lecture by nutritional consultant Stephan Brink at 7:30 p.m. in Harp Chiropractic Clinic, 23280 Farmington Road. No charge.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL PROGRAM

Thursday, March 24: Program on drugs and alcohol among youngsters at 7:30 p.m. in North Farmington High School auditorium presented by North Farmington High School staff, Farmington Hills Police, and Farmington Area Advisory Council. Parents will get to see drugs and drug paraphernalia, learn some of the drug language and via a movie, view David Hartman discussing the seriousness and scope of the problem. Elementary and middle school parents are also invited.

MOTHER-TODDLER

Thursday, March 24: Alameda and Fairview Early Childhood Centers are taking registrations for its mother-toddler programs at each site that will begin April 14. Registration information

given by calling Alameda, at 476-1470 or Fairview at 626-8335.

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday and Friday, March 24-25: Open house hosted from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day by Pathways to Learning Children's Center at 30333 10 Mile. The center is accepting enrollments for the current session, the summer session and the fall session. Inquiries taken by calling the center, 474-0092.

NEWS AS SHOWBIZ

Thursday, March 24: Channel 7 news anchor Rick Fisher addresses the criticism of "News as Showbiz" at 8 p.m. in Orchard Ridge Fine Arts Theatre, Oakland Community College. Admission is \$3 or \$1 for students at the door.

WELCOME COFFEE

Thursday, March 24: Welcome Wag-on hosts a coffee for newcomers to the community and those wishing to learn about the workings of the group at 7:30 p.m. in one of the member's homes. Persons wishing to attend are asked to call Lynne Ulreich, 477-8433.

EASTER BRUNCH

Friday, March 25: Judy Antishin and Barbara Dermody prepare, serve, share recipes and techniques in Easter Brunch beginning at 10 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. In-person reservations, at \$9 each, taken in the center, on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

TAX AIDES

Friday and Tuesday, March 25 and 29: Tax aides will assist older persons and the handicapped with their 1982 state and federal income tax forms from noon to 3 p.m. Friday in Farmington Branch Library, 23550 Liberty; and from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Farmington Hills Senior Center, in Mercy Center complex, on 11 Mile through Gate 4 east of Middlebelt. No charge.

SPRING BAZAAR

Friday, March 25: Spring bazaar offers handcrafted items made by the residents of Farmington Nursing Home from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the home at 30405 Fulson.

SPRING CAMP ORIENTATION

Friday, March 25: Orientation meeting for parents wanting information on spring camp for children from 3-10 offered by Mercy Conference Center April 5-7, begins at 6:30 p.m. in the center, 26600 11 Mile.

SATURDAY MATINEE

Saturday, March 26: Saturday Matinee of movies for elementary school aged children at 2 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road. No charge.

LUNCH WITH EASTER BUNNY

Saturday, March 26: "Lunch With the

Easter Bunny" served at 11:15 a.m. and at 1 p.m. in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, followed by party surprises. Reservations are necessary by calling Rena Swenson, 478-6749.

MUSICAL MADNESS

Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27: "Musical Madness," variety show staged by local older persons at 2 p.m. each day in Harrison High School, 29995 12 Mile. Tickets are \$2.50 or \$1.50 for seniors and youth, at the door.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Saturday, March 26: Las Vegas Night party begins at 8 p.m. in Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Admission is \$5 at the door.

CONCERT IN THE HILLS

Sunday, March 27: Concert in the Hills, with chamber music provided by Renaissance Concerts, at 3:30 p.m. in Universalist-Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted. Tickets are \$5.50 or \$4 for students and seniors.

PETER RABBIT VISITS

Sunday, March 27: Children's Easter Party with Peter Rabbit, games, prizes, and original stage play, "The Bunny Town Parade," runs from 1-4 p.m. in William Grace Elementary School, 29040 Shawwassee. Donation is \$2 each. Advance reservations are requested by calling Pat Ash, 476-0381.

NURSERY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 27: Nardin Park Community Nursery School hosts open house from 2-4 p.m. in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 11 Mile, west of Middlebelt.

CAESAREAN BIRTH

Monday, March 28: "The Caesarean Birth Experience" film shown at 7 p.m.

in St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30009 Six Mile, by Linnzee Childbirth Education Association. Admission asked at the door.

NURSERY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, March 28: Mayfair Co-op Nursery hosts open house for mothers and their tots from 10-11 a.m. and again from 1-2 p.m. in the nursery facilities at 30450 Farmington Road.

CHAPEL CHOIR

Tuesday, March 29: Houghton College Chapel Choir from Houghton, N.Y., in concert at 7:30 p.m. in Clarencoville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt. Free will offering will be asked.

MUSLIM AWARENESS

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29-30: "Unlocking the Door" Muslim awareness seminar runs from 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day in Kresge Chapel, William Tyndale College, 35700 12 Mile. Reservation information available by calling the college, 553-7200.

WOMEN AND THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

Wednesday, March 30: "Women and the Energy Industry," lecture by Debbie Howe, instructor of alternate energy technology, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 308, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Admission of \$3 asked at the door.

LONDON

Thursday, March 31: "London" continues travel film series at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. No charge.

EXERCISE THERAPY

Thursday, March 31: "Exercise

Therapy," lecture and demonstration by Dr. Lou Harp at 7:30 p.m. in Harp Chiropractic Clinic, 23280 Farmington Road. No charge. Participants are asked to bring or wear running shoes.

MUSIC COMPETITION

Friday, April 1: Deadline day for music students to enter the "Awards for Musical Excellence" scholarship competition, which will be held April 19 and 28. Entry applications available by calling Barbara Grover, 553-7238.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Friday, April 1: Annual Good Friday Ecumenical Service of worship at 12:15 p.m. in Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road. Participating churches are Faith covenant, North Farmington Baptist, Antioch Lutheran and Covenant Baptist. The Rev. Gary Johnson from Antioch will deliver the message "Embracing the Ugly." The mass choir is under the direction of Frederic Rohrbach from Faith Covenant.

CHILDRENS STORY HOUR

Monday, April 4: Children's story hour at 10:30 a.m. in Children's Book Shop, Applegate Square, Northwestern Highway and Inkster. No charge.

SCIENCE CENTER TOUR

Tuesday, April 5: Bus leaves Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge parking lot at 9 a.m. for a trip to Detroit Science Center and returns at about 1 p.m. Package price of \$10 includes transportation, tour, box lunch and the movie "Hail Columbia." Reservations are necessary through Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

'Three Bags Full' cast announced by players

Farmington Players are now in rehearsal for "Three Bags Full," the Jerome Chodorov farce set in turn-of-the-century New York, set to open in the Players Barn the weekend of April 29.

The cast chosen for the spring play are Dick Coe and George Martin, both of West Bloomfield; Bob Battistoni and Marge Ryan, both of Farmington Hills and Erik Carlson of Farmington.

Others are Joyce Moore of Blirling-

ham, Tess Schafer of Royal Oak, Bob Taub of Oak Park, Cynthia Doehler of Union Lake, Claudia Arnett of Livonia and Larry Novess of Dearborn.

The show will be directed by Ralph Rosati of Farmington who is assisted by Julie Austin of West Bloomfield.

Two evening performances over a four-week period are scheduled in the barn at 21333 12 Mile Road.

Ticket information is given by calling the players box office, 535-8822.

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