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Edee Joppich's watercolor called "Birchcroft Study" took the best overall award in the local artists' fall show. The win was one of a long list of wins for the Farmington resident who was named "Artist in Residence" for the sister cities in 1978.

## Art awards Edee Joppich takes 'Best of Show'

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"Birchcroft Study," a watercolor by Edee Joppich, took Best of Show in Farmington Artists Club's fall exhibit jurored by Stanley Rosenthal, associate professor and coordinator of printmaking at Wayne State University.

"This painting is beautiful, lovely, free, a prize in any show," Rosenthal said. "This is a first-rate show and group. Every one of the paintings could be entered in any show."

The juror's praise for the show and the quality of work submitted for the juried gallery in the multigalleried exhibit continued throughout the judging.

"Matter of fact be told us we should start considering to change our name," said Monica Leaning, chairwoman of this year's exhibit. "He didn't think having the word 'club' in our name was prestigious enough for us. That's high praise."

Of Anne Xanthippe George's "Countryside," which took the first-place award, Rosenthal said, "Marvelous, charming. A place to dream in. The hills are pillows. The sky a lovely play of colors."

Alice Nichols took the second-place award for "Another Pretty Face," along with the juror's comment "This is an imposing picture. That face! Those eyes!"

Third-place winner was Connie Lucas for "Death of the Foxglove" called "extremely imaginative, a striking piece of work."

A TRADITION of the exhibit is the vote by the show-goers who are asked to mark ballots for their favorite work. Top voter-getter this season was Margie Matovina for her painting called "Springtime."

Following Matovina in the tallying were Regina Engelhardt for "Curiosity" and "Ivonne," Nancy Hurd's "Howard," Lillian Langerman's "Rosalinda" and Jane Rochelean's "Fragile Moments."

The Artists' Choice Award, voted by club members in recognition of their fellow artists, is a prized award by the recipient.

This fall's first-place Artists' Choice went to Marcie Klitch for her watercolor or "Mythical Marauders."

Marjorie Chellstorp was Artists' Choice second place for "Transition Triptych" and Hurd took third place with her drawing "JoAnne."

A Special Merit Honorable Mention was given to Pat Putansu for "Hurry Spring" called "fresh and spontaneous" by the juror who asked that special merit be attached to the honorable mention.

Other artists getting honorable mention were Sally Alexander, Tom Hale, Nancy Muddioff, Shirley Popp and Donna Vogelheim.



Alice Nichols (above) poses with her prize winner, "Another Pretty Face," which took the second-place award. Primitive painter Anne Xanthippe George (at left) took the first-place spot when the awards were called out for "Countryside." Nichols is a perennial winner in the local shows and has won both the Artist-in-Residence Award and the Service to the Arts Award from Farmington Area Arts Commission. George's "Countryside" won the artist her first top prize in a Farmington Artists Club show.



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## Racquets and lessons will be gift for youth

For the second year in a row, The Tennis Co., southeastern Michigan racquet sports retail outlet, will help make the holidays happy for children belonging to Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Oakland County. The Tennis Co. will donate tennis racquets to be presented at the community organization's annual holiday party Dec. 15.

Last year's response to this endeavor enabled The Tennis Co. to introduce the sport of tennis to dozens of deserving youngsters.

Area tennis enthusiasts are again invited to participate in this event by donating a used racquet to The Tennis Co. for reconditioning. Contributors will then receive a discount on a new Pro Kenner, Wilson, AMP Head or Prince racquet in return for their generosity.

In addition, donations are tax deductible.

Two hundred seventy-five Oakland County children are currently enrolled in the Big Brothers-Big Sisters program which couples single-parent children with a caring adult who can provide companionship and guidance. Presently, there are approximately 150 young boys who are in need of a Big Brother. To learn more about Big Brothers-Big Sisters, call John Liles, area director, at 569-0600.

If anyone would like to help The Tennis Co. share the joy of the sport and the holiday season with some worthy kids, contact David Schwartz at The Tennis Co. 258-9366. The Tennis Co. has recently relocated to 30610 Southfield at 13 Mile Road in Southfield.



## Santa's on his way to lunch

Area youngsters are invited to lunch with Santa at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Farmington Community Center. Entertainment and treats, a visit with Santa, picture-taking and shopping for children only are on the agenda. Reservations, at \$3.50 each, are necessary by calling the center, 477-8404.

## Poinsettias for sale

The Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter has declared Dec. 5-20 "Poinsettia Days." During this time, thousands of poinsettias will be available throughout the Metropolitan Detroit area.

The plants will be for sale for buyers in this area Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 11-13 in Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield.

The foundation is urging businesses and residents to decorate their offices and homes with poinsettias at Christmas time, while helping arthritis patients. It is the hope of the foundation that the donations received from the sale of these plants will not only brighten the receivers' holiday season, but will also be a reminder that each poinsettia is helping to brighten the life of arthritis patients.

There is no cure for arthritis yet, however, much can be done to control and manage the disease. Proper diagnosis and treatment is vital, since many myths surround arthritis — such as the myth that arthritis is an older persons disease and that nothing can be done about arthritis. Educational programs and free literature are available from the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter.

## Party set for retired school personnel

Farmington Retired School Personnel meets for a Christmas party at noon Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Ten Mile Community School, on 10 Mile east of Farmington Road.

The event is open to all retired persons who have worked in any capacity for Farmington Public Schools. Guests are asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table service. Reservations are not required.

\$5.95

Carlos Murphy's has an offer you'll warm up to. You can get Barbecued Chicken brushed with rich, robust sauce. Or Baby Back Ribs, tender, plump and full of flavor. Or even barbecue style Beef Ribs smothered in sauce. Your choice comes with buttery corn, cole slaw and French Fries. Offer expires December 21, 1985.

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