

After the basics, there are no limits

With just 20 hours of practice, Paul Dohr has his students expressing themselves through their art. Seeing is believing. And the seeing can be done on the walls of the Farmington Community Center.

The watercolors, recently placed in the center, are the work of Dohr's students, all beginners, who have completed their first eight-session course. The students are a diverse group, but with a common trait. Each wished to express themselves artistically but had no painting or drawing experience.

According to Dohr, once the basics of watercolor are learned, there are no limits to the creativity and expression.

"I have yet to meet someone who couldn't learn to draw or paint," he said. "Everyone has a certain drawing ability. What I do is tap into that natural ability and expand on it."

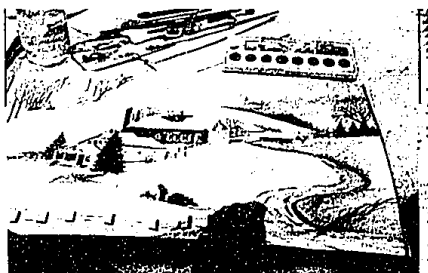
Visitors to the center can see the students' work through Jan. 23.

His next eight-session class runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 13 in the center at 24705 Farmington Road. Students of all levels of expertise or experience are invited. Individual instruction is given on the subjects of the student's choice. The fee is \$50, payable with registration in the center.

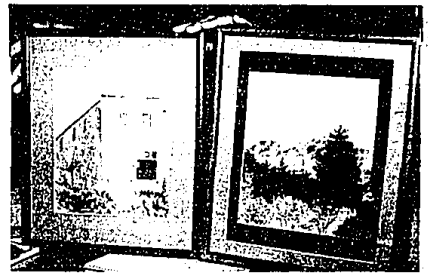
Dohr is retired from his job as art director for American Can Company, and works in a variety of media.



Paul Dohr, who believes that everyone can learn to draw or paint, confers with Joan Bass, one of his beginner students in classes in the Farmington Community Center.



"Christmas in Wisconsin," now on display at the Farmington Community Center, is the work of Virginia Nelson.



Two paintings were completed by Mary Carver in Paul Dohr's class. "Oddfellow Hall" is at left and "Smokey Mountains" at right.

'Gotta Dance' next for family theater

"Gotta Dance, Gotta Sing" is coming up next in the Farmington Community Center's Family Dessert Theater series. The Goodtime Players production begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, and winds up with dessert served to the theater-goers.

The show tells how one feels about music and is filled with harmonies, jazzy tunes and tap dancing. And as with all Family Dessert Theater presentations, it is designed for audiences of all ages.

Tickets are \$4 each, or \$12 for a family, no matter how many members. Tickets for "Gotta Dance, Gotta Sing" are on sale now as well as tickets for the February and March shows.

"The Not So Grimm Brothers and

Their Sister" is scheduled for Feb. 11. "The Firebird" is set for March 17.

Farmington Community Center is at 24705 Farmington Road. The telephone number is 477-8404.

Las Vegas Night set

Blackjack and craps tables will be ready and a money wheel will be spinning for all comers from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, when St. Francis Knights of Columbus hosts its Las Vegas Night. The event will take place in the Council Hall, 21900 Middlebelt.

One of the council's main concerns is the welfare of mentally retarded people in the community. It has been

a regular contributor for many years to Farmington Training Center and the program for the mentally retarded at St. Clare Catholic Church.

The council also donates \$100 every month to a different needy family in Farmington, Farmington Hills or Southfield.

Admission to Las Vegas Night is \$3 at the door.

Womencenter calls arts for exhibit

Women artists are being invited to submit original works for Oakland Community College Womencenter's art exhibit. Official entry blanks, which allow two entries per artist, can be picked up in Womencenter, Building J, Orchard Ridge Campus.

Artists are being asked to deliver their entries between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, to Smith Theatre on the campus for judging.

Juror for the show is Marilyn Finkel, chairperson of the Art Department on campus. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Wayne State University in art history.

Works not accepted for the show are to be picked up between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29.

The exhibit will open with a reception for the artists from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, in Smith Theatre Gallery and remain on display until Feb. 25.

The award for "Best of Show" is \$300. Cash prizes will also be given for first-, second- and third-place winners. Finkel will also name several honorable mentions.

Womencenter asks a non-refundable entry fee of \$15, and will encourage sales. A 20-percent commis-

sion will be charged for all works sold during the exhibit.

Inquiries may be made by calling Womencenter, 471-7602, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

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