



Guest soloist soprano Jeanne Bourget joins the Rochester Symphony Orchestra to perform "Carmina Burana" with the Rochester Community Choir, DeHaven Choral, Choirs of Michigan Christian College, and other soloists. (810) 651-4181.

## SATURDAY

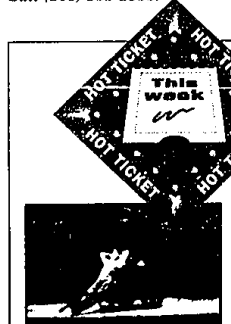


Singer/comedian Al Simmons will bring his zany one-liners, crazy costumes, and out-of-this-world props to Meadow Brook Theatre. Call (810) 377-3300 for tickets.

## SUNDAY



Farmington Players present "Isn't It Romantic" at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 553-2955.



Theodore Bikel stars as Tevye in the classic musical "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Fisher Theatre. Call (810) 645-6868 or (313) 872-1000, extension 0.

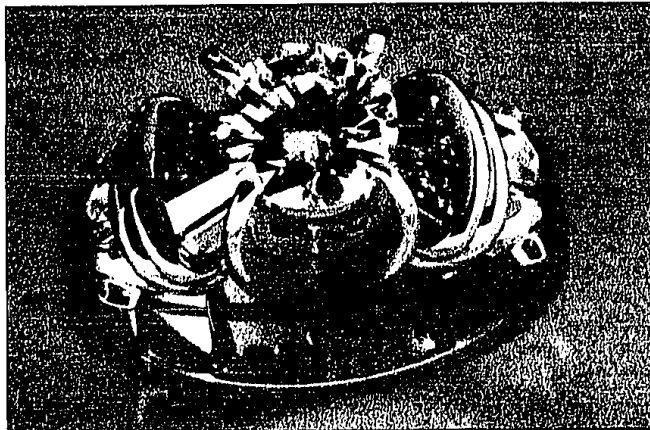
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A N A R T I S T S J E W E L :



Award Winning Jewelry: Yanke Designs won First Place in the 1996 National JCK Jewelry Design Competition for this platinum and 18K gold diamond ring. One of their latest designs, which will be on hand at the Westacres Artists Market, is the rhodolite and garnet Eurowire earrings with interchangeable charm sets.

## WESTACRES ARTISTS MARKET CELEBRATES

# 28 YEARS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • SPECIAL WRITER

### Westacres Artists Market

**What:** The 28th annual Westacres art fair featuring 62 exhibitors working in a variety of mediums including painting, pottery, photography, glass, jewelry, fiber art, wood, and intaglio print making. Lunch is available. For more information, call (810) 363-7957.

**When:** Saturday, April 27. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Where:** 3700 Westacres Drive in West Bloomfield. Follow the signs to the Westacres Clubhouse off Commerce Road, one mile east of Union Lake Road.

**Cost:** A donation of \$1 is requested.

peridot mined from a uniquely-colored vein recently discovered in Pakistan.

"It's a small neighborhood show. There's no better place to meet and talk to the people, and to get their immediate response to your new designs," said 42-year-old Frank Yanke. "These are one-of-a-kind pieces. I buy the gemstones because they speak to you. The ruby sparkles like a diamond and has a deep red color. The stone has been around thousands of years and I hope once it's set it will be around for thousands of years to come."

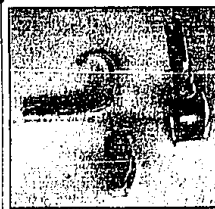
Kim and Frank have more than 40 years combined experience in gold smithing. They recently won first place in the National JCK Jewelry Design Competition for a

platinum and 18K gold diamond ring. Last year, Kim won First Place and Best of Show in the Michigan Jewelry Design Competition. Not had for a couple of jewelers who began selling their work at bake sales in the basements of churches. The Yankees will do about six art shows this year including Art in the Park in Birmingham. They are anxious to hear the public's comments on their latest design, Eurowire earrings with interchangeable charm sets.

"The earrings move. Anytime you have an earring that moves it attracts the eye," said Yanke. "All our jewelry has an understated or simple elegance that's a cross between classic and contemporary."

Among the other art artists exhibiting are George Landino, whimsical wood sculptures, West Bloomfield; Dee Woods, pottery, Bloomfield Hills; Charles Hall, wood, Birmingham; Richard Baley, clay birdhouses, Troy; Greg Ledermann, photography, Orchard Lake; Sandy Lentz, pottery and porcelain, Birmingham; Rannette Franklin, acrylic painting, Bingham Farms; Rita Leeds, silk painted fibers, Keego Harbor; and Molly Baran, hand painted clothing, Bloomfield Hills. In addition to these Freeman is most excited about the haunting intaglio prints of Ugandan born Mathias Mulemu and the sun-drenched colorful acrylic paintings of Manfred Heino-Baux of Cambridge, Ontario.

Flavoring the show is the fact that Westacres is a community with an interesting history. Developed in 1936 as a low-income project by Oakland Housing Inc., Westacres provided affordable housing to the seasonally unem-



played. As a requisite for purchasing the \$4,400 cinder block homes, buyers had to sign an agreement to cultivate their one-acre sites so when times were tough they could live off the land. Excess produce was sold at the community co-op. The clubhouse, where the art shows are held, was an amenity included in the purchase price.

That same community pride that produces the Westacres Artists Market was responsible for volunteers staffing their own fire department and a new branch of the West Bloomfield Public Library housed in the neighborhood's clubhouse. They also founded their own credit union after banks turned down their request for financing to update their structures and build additions. In the 1970s when the state of Michigan mandated Oakland Housing to divest its holding in Westacres, that same credit union enabled homeowners to buy the holdings. Through a 60-year history, the Westacres Weekly, a volunteer staffed newspaper, documented all the changes and encouraged the neighborhood's come-together spirit.

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## EXHIBITION

## Festival features Farmington Artists Club

The annual spring exhibit of the Farmington Artists Club will take place at the Farmington Hills Activities Center as part of Farmington's first Festival of the Arts, April 28 through May 5.

This is the 31st anniversary year of the exhibit. It offers works in watercolor, oils, pastels, prints, mixed media and more, in a wide variety of styles.

In addition to the framed art work available for sale, the show includes a selection of

affordable unframed pieces.

About 20 area cultural organizations will participate in the arts festival. Hours for the display and festival are 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 28; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 6; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. The Farmington Hills Activities Center is at 28600 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt. Admission is free.

Winners of the juried exhibit are Evelyn Henry of Redford (first place) for "Pathways," acrylic; Gwen Tomkow of

Farmington Hills (second place) for "Sunflower/Well's Bay," watercolor; and Susan Vitali of Farmington Hills (third place) for "Another Man's Treasure," watercolor.

The Grumbacher Award for Best Use of Color went to Marsha Weigand of Farmington Hills for "Fruition," oil.

Honorable mentions went to Farmington Hills residents Danguole Jurgutis, "Summer Shadows," acrylic; Monica Leaning, "Fault Line," mixed; Heleen Lewicki, "Green

Apples," oil; and Henryka Olbrot, "Meadow Flowers," watercolor. Honorable mentions also went to Dorothy Lawson of Southfield, "Bouquet of Flowers," monoprime; Irene Kallas of Dearborn Heights, "Oranges," oil; and Jerriene Habsburg of Brighton, "Lake Leclaire," oil on paper.

The juror was Mary Aro, an instructor at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. The Farmington Area Arts Commission provided funding awards.



Winners: Juried exhibit winners include (left to right) Susan Vitali (third place) middle painting; Marsha Weigand (Award) top painting; Gwen Tomkow (2nd place) bottom. All are from Farmington Hills.