

Historical commission showcases antiques

The Farmington Hills Historical Commission showcase at city hall features antiques from the collection of Commissioner Louise McFarland.

Many items are from family collections, such as the ironstone teacup dishes which were collected by McFarland's grandmother. They were a common pattern and very ordinary in the later 1800s.

Included in the exhibit are two samplers which were stitched in the early 1800s, both by the same young woman. One was done when she was a child. There is also an original Courier and Ives print called "Little Georgia Boy" which originally sold for around fifteen cents a copy. In addition there are two

horse drawn iron toys which are from the collection of McFarland's mother.

The antique glassware displayed consists of a fluted glass candy dish as well as a variety of examples of a pattern of 1800s glassware called grape band. Finally, there are examples of toothpick holders which are a part of a collection obtained by another grandmother, who would pick up a toothpick holder every time she went on a trip. There are several patterns of old glass represented within this collection.

McFarland's home was featured on the 1995 Historical Homes Tour. The exhibit will run through the end of May at Farmington Hills City Hall.

WL senior given Eagle Scout award

Joshua Warren of Troop 327 received the Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in scouting, at a court of honor April 28.

Troop 327 is sponsored by Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills. Farmington City Councilwoman Nancy Bates participated in the honorary ceremony, along with representatives of the Clinton Valley Council.

Warren is a graduating senior and honor student at Walled Lake Western High School. He has been accepted at Michigan State University in the forestry program.

His Eagle Scout project involved development of a nature trail at Tollgate Farms in Novi, an extension of Michigan State University. The trail improvements will permit access by handicapped persons to the nature areas at Tollgate.



Joshua Warren

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Hills tenor performs on Europe tour

Robert Mirshak, a tenor from Farmington Hills, and Kevin Bylams, a pianist from Detroit, will perform classical art songs through Europe next month.

Mirshak recently earned his doctorate degree in vocal performance from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he studied with former Metropolitan Opera tenor George Shirley. As a soloist, he has sung in many parts of the United States and Mexico including the Aspen Music Festival, Stony Brook Back Festival, Edgewood Festival Chorus and recording for the Finnish National Music Festival. He currently teaches voice at Albion College.

Two preview concerts will be given by Mirshak and Bylams locally to help with expenses. The first will be at



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the Campus Chapel in Ann Arbor on May 30 (call 313-668-7421 for more information) and the second will take place at Commerce United Methodist Church in Commerce on June 1. Call 810-363-3935 for information.

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