

Craft

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"When we go through the applicants, we first make sure their work is high quality. Then we put them in to categories to make sure we have a good mix. As a result, we have many unique crafters with very creative handmade items that you don't normally find in stores," said Grossi.

Variety is another hallmark of the show. There are sculptures, paintings, baskets, pottery, rugs, glass, furniture, jewelry, toys, clothes and much more.

Barbara Bigler, of Venice, Fla., makes "one-of-a-kind" handcrafted earring holders. "You have to see them to believe them," she said. This is her first year in the Farmington show.

"I'm originally from Michigan and I still have many friends and relatives up there. They all told me this is the show to be in. So I'm looking forward to it," said Bigler.

For those who prefer a local flair, Constance Powell of Pleasant Ridge will display her original hand-colored pen and ink drawings depicting scenes from Michigan and the Detroit area. The artist, who previously lived in Farmington Hills, also has scenes of historic Farmington, including Gov. Warner's mansion.

This will be Powell's fifth year in the Farmington show. "The people here are very nice. I also like the fact that we're in a tent," said

Powell. The Festival's arts and craft show takes place under the "big tent" in downtown Farmington's parking lot. The show runs from July 10-12, 9 a.m. until dark.

This year, the show will also feature creative entertainment for children, including squirt guns and bubble-making.

Arts and crafts will also be displayed at the First United Methodist Church, on Grand River, the Masonic Temple, on the corner of Grand River and Farmington Road, Warren's Country Corner, 23285 Farmington Road, and the Craftique Craft and Antique Mall, 33300 Slocum.

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