

# High school artists invited to submit work for competition

High school students residing in Farmington, Farmington Hills or the Farmington school district are invited to submit works of art, original in concept and production, for consideration by the jurist at East Middle School on Wednesday, March 11 between 8 and 7 p.m.

Art works, no more than three pieces per artist, will be judged and are to be picked up that evening between 8-9 p.m. East Middle School is located on Middlebelt Rd. between Ten and Eleven Mile roads.

Separate prizes will be awarded in both the two dimensional and

three dimensional categories. First prize is \$250, second prize \$150, and third prize \$75. Honorable mentions \$50 each.

Entries are to be accompanied by a statement of design source to tell if the work is an original idea or if reference materials were used by the artist. Only individual works of art (no team collaborations) will be accepted. Two dimensional work should be mounted and matted, not framed, if appropriate. All work should be accompanied by a completed label including the design statement as well as the artist's name, address, phone number, school and art teacher's name.

Awards will be presented on Sunday, April 26 at 2 p.m. at the Farmington Hills Activities Center's Shannon Hall, 28600 Eleven Mile Rd., east of Middlebelt (enter Gate 4).

Winners and their families, teachers and principals are invited to the award ceremony. Winning art will be displayed at the Farmington Community Library, downtown branch, during the month of April and at the Festival of the Arts taking place at the Activities Center April 26 through May 3. The event is sponsored by the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

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son's voice during the sing-a-long is strong and sure.

Frank Karkoski of Farmington Hills comes three days a week.

"If I didn't like it, I wouldn't be here," he said. "I enjoy playing bingo and the meals are very good."

Gene Bartlett is reminiscing with two visitors about the large tattoo on his forearm — a souvenir from his stint in the U.S. Marines half a century ago.

"I come here a couple times a week," he said. "You get used to it."

Senior companion Theresa Vesteich, of Farmington, saw an ad in the Farmington Observer in 1983 asking for volunteers for the program.

"I joined and I love it," said Vesteich, who was selected Senior Companion of the Year for Oakland County in 1988.

"This program does more for me than I do for it."

Frances Johnson, of Redford, who has been volunteering for 14 months, three days a week, expresses the same sentiments.

"It gets me out of the house. So it helps us, too. And the people here are so nice," she said.

Rita Shade of Farmington Hills explains why she couldn't do the stretching exercises today.

"My arthritis is acting up real bad," she said.

But at the sing-a-long, she is an active participant.

"They have a good variety of things. I enjoy it very much," said Shade, who has been coming twice a week since July.

The program operates 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday inside the Costick Center at 28600 Eleven Mile Rd. A screening process helps identify needs, interests and abilities. To enroll or for more information, call April Ayers at 473-1830.



Exercise time: Senex clients go through their morning routine before turning their attention to other activities.

## Chat room from page B1

many groups that assist the visually and aurally handicapped.

In the late 1980s, Lions International joined with the United Nations Health Organizations to initiate Campaign SightFirst, a program to combat the conditions that cause or are liable to lead to blindness. The programs are varied. It was discovered that a regular dose of Vitamin A could forestall river blindness for the children of Africa that swim in the polluted rivers of their home territories.

The Lions have established programs that would get the children their Vitamin A. For some reason, the occurrence of cataracts seem to be above average in India. The Lions initiated and support clinics where teams of volunteers from the U.S., Canada and Britain operate to remove the cataracts and restore eyesight.

In the U.S., it has been determined that Juvenile Diabetes and substance abuse are the leading causes of blindness. The Farmington Area Lions support local organizations that work to combat substance abuse. Farm-

ington Families in Action is leading the effort to unite all interested local groups in a concerted effort to educate our youth to shun drugs and liquor. The Lions expect to join this "Call To Action" and lend their efforts to this very worthwhile cause.

In the expanded area the Lions support Leader Dogs for the Blind of Rochester. A Farmington Hills lady is a very recent graduate of the Leader Dog School. Be on the lookout for her as she moves about our area.

The Penrickton Center of Multiple Handicapped in Taylor,

Welcome Home for the Blind in Grand Rapids, the Beaumont Silent Children program to help and restrain children with speech problems, and Michigan Eye Bank in Ann Arbor benefit from our efforts to collect funds and forward these to help others.

The big drive by the Lions of Oakland and Macomb counties is the development of 120 acres in Lapeer County into a camp for all categories of handicapped children. When completed in the next two or three years, we will be able to offer camping programs to 60 children at a week or two week camp.

As you can see the Lions touch many people in many ways. When you see an orange vested Lion, be it man or woman, recall this list of groups that the Lions support. There must be a group within that umbrella that you wish to assist and put some green in the pot.

If the interest is strong and you would like to participate there is always room for one more.

For information, contact Dick Carrell at 476-6257.

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