

Festival of the Arts: week rich in culture

The Farmington Community Arts Council Festival of the Arts will take place April 26 through May 3 at the Cowick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Rd., Suite 4, east of Middlebelt.

Festival hours are Sunday, April 26, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 27, 30, May 1 and 2, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28-29, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. With the exception of the preview party, all events are free and open to the public.

A gala preview, *Starry Night*, is scheduled 8-11 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Hosted by the Farmington Community Arts Council, the black tie optional event will feature Farmington personalities as a welcoming committee: Alyce Faye of the Motor City Women of Comedy, Bill Gallagher of WJBK-TV Channel 2, Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM 101, Roger Weber of WDIV-TV Channel 4 and Dave Varga of the Farmington Observer.

Music will be provided by the Matt Michaels Trio. The evening will include performing and visual arts, hors d'oeuvres and wine. Tickets are \$15 a person or \$25 per couple.

On Sunday, April 26, the Farmington Musicals will perform from 1:45 to 5 p.m. At 2 p.m., the arts commission will present the artist in residence, service to the arts, high school student, and Farmington Artist Club awards. From 3-5 p.m., fair-goers can browse through the exhibits.

On Monday, April 27, special activities include an Embroiderers' Guild demonstration at 11 a.m., Ridgewriters Poetry and Prose and Tea at 1 p.m., and a presentation by the Farmington Musicals at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Farmington Artist Club will have demonstrations at 10:30 a.m. followed by an Embroiderers' Guild demonstration at 11 a.m. and Our Lady of Sorrows youth choir at 11:30 a.m.

The Hillside Harmony will perform at 7 p.m., there will be a performance by the Farmington Community Band clarinet choir.

On Wednesday, April 29, the Farmington Artist Club will have demonstrations at 10:30 a.m. followed by the East Middle School Vocal and Instrumental Ensemble at 10:30 a.m. At 11 a.m., there will be a demonstration by the Embroiderers' Guild and then at 12:45, a concert by the North Farmington High School Steel Drum band.

Wednesday afternoon will feature a Chamber of Commerce mixer at 4:30 p.m. as well as Farmington Musicals presentation at the same time. At 6 p.m., SCool Jazz will perform followed by SCool Jazz Prime at 7 p.m.

Thursday's lineup includes an

Embroiderers' Guild demonstration at 11 a.m. and Farmington Artist Club demonstrations at the same time. Then at noon, there will be a special luncheon for Seniors. At 1 p.m., the Harrison High Jazz/Dance band will perform. At 7 p.m., the Farmington Community Band flute ensemble will take center stage.

Friday, May 1, will offer an Embroiderers' Guild demonstration at 2 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., the Detroit Ballet will offer *Apollo and Repertoire*.

On Saturday, May 2, there will be a public arts forum at 10 a.m. "Building the Arts from the Grassroots." At noon, the Embroiderers' Guild will offer demonstrations.

On Sunday, May 3, the festival will offer the Farmington Community Band and Chamber of Commerce called "Strictly American." Sponsors for the festival include: Farmington Area Arts Commission, Farmington Area Philharmonic, Farmington Artists Club, Farmington Community Chorus, Farmington Garden Club, Farmington Historical Society, Farmington Public Schools, Fine Arts, Farmington Hills Embroiderers' Guild of America, Farmington Hills Historical Commission, Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Commission, and Farmington Hills Special Services Department.

Also sponsoring the weekend festival are the Hillside Harmony, the Detroit Ballet, the Farmington Players, the Farmington Musicals and the Longacre House.

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Farmington mascot: Bristol with Bev Cornell. He was the inspiration for a column answering pet questions.

Farmington loses fine, furry friend

Bristol, beloved dog of Bev and Tom Cornell, and the closest Farmington came to a community mascot, died last week after suffering a stroke in his Farmington Hills home.

But as a 11-year-old shepherd/collie mix, was the inspiration behind Bev Cornell's pet column, "Ask Bristol," which appears every other Thursday in the community life section of the Farmington Observer.

Cornell, a wildlife rehabilitator licensed by the state DNR, will continue to write her column which will keep the name as a tribute to Bristol.

Bristol was often seen walking at Cornell's side, usually with a stuffed animal in his mouth, as she made her way around town. Despite two artificial hips, he walked steadily without the hint of a problem.

He was invited to the Farmington Community Library as well as an elementary school classrooms to visit with children while Cornell talked

about and brought along wildlife she was rehabilitating at home.

Last year, Bristol's photo appeared in the newspaper with a bluejay named Albert perched on his back. Albert was one of Cornell's rehabilitation projects. From a sick abandoned baby, he grew into a strong bird who still visits her former backyard in Farmington Hills.

More recently, Bristol befriended a high spirited young dog, Ralph, a new neighbor in the condominium complex where the Cornells now reside. The always well-behaved Bristol proved to be a great role model as well as best friend to Ralph. The two played together daily in woods behind their home.

Condolences can be sent to Bev Cornell in care of the Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48335.

Garden club offers spring pruning tips

The Farmington-based Hill and Dale Garden Club offers these spring pruning tips.

Before trimming every flowering shrub and tree in your yard, there are a few things to consider, especially if you want to see the plants bloom.

Plants that bloom early in spring have already made their flower buds for the coming season. If you were to prune these plants now, before the bloom, you would remove all the flower buds.

It's best to wait until the plant has bloomed and then do the necessary pruning. The following plants should be pruned after blooming:

Azalea, beautybush, bridal-wreath spirea, flowering crabapple, forsythia, hawthorn, bigleaf hydrangea, lilac, magnolia, mockorange, mountain laurel, rhododendron, serviceberry, slender deutzia and weigela.

Ideal for pruning now

There are trees and shrubs that bloom on new wood. They don't form flower buds until stems begin to grow in the spring. These are ideal for pruning right now. The following can be pruned before blooming:

Bradford Pear, butterfly bush, crape myrtle, flowering dogwood, glossy abelia, golden rain tree, honeysuckle, hydrangea, potentilla, redbud, spirea (Anthony gold flame, little princess watercolor and froebelii) and wisteria.

A special type of pruning can be done as needed and this is

called deadheading. This technique is simply the removing of spent flowers. The rhododendron is a good example for deadheading. After it blooms, you can break off the spent flowers of the rhododendron, being careful not to go back too far. New growth comes from buds just below the flowers which will produce the flowers the next year.

Clean and sharp pruning tools are essential for the plant's health. Rough cuts and gaping wounds can be entry points for insects and diseases. Hand pruners are used for stems 3/4 inch or less. Loppers are good for stems 3/4 inch to 1 and 1/2 inches. Use a pruning saw for larger branches.

Rules to follow

Here are a few rules for pruning:

- Remove all dead, broken and diseased or insect-infested branches.
- Remove branches that cross.
- Also remove branches that ruin the shape and appearance of the plant.
- Remove branches that grow toward the interior of the plant.
- In general, thin out (rather than cut back) most deciduous plants. This will avoid excessive and unsightly clumping branch formation at the plant top.
- Prune suckers and water shoots.
- Cut off any old stubs.
- Start pruning while plants are young.

Hospice Home plans perennial garden

Do you have a green thumb?

If so, Hospice Home of Farmington Hills could use your expertise.

An effort is underway to create a Hospice Garden on the grounds of the hospice residence on Middlebelt at Eleven Mile road.

The perennial garden envisioned by staff

requires money and manpower.

"Our goal is to collect enough funds to have expansive perennial flower beds, benches, bird baths, trees and shrubs and to have them planted in the spring to early summer," said Elaine Grohman, a hospice volunteer. "Also, if you have contact with landscapers, nursery stock and supplies, we need the help we can get."

Since opening last year, more than 80 terminally ill patients have received care in Hospice Home.

Volunteers can contact Elaine Grohman at 855-3456.

'Jewish look at parenting' series is available

Elitu v' Elitu, the joint adult Jewish learning project of Congregations Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom, and B'nai Moshe: Hillel Day School; and Women's League for Conservative Judaism-Michigan branch, will offer an adult study series in May called "How Good is Good

Enough? A Jewish Look at Parenting."

The series will be taught by Rabbi Aaron and Ruth Bergman and will meet on three consecutive Wednesday nights, May 6, 13 and 20, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Hillel Day School, 32200 Middlebelt Rd. in Farmington Hills.

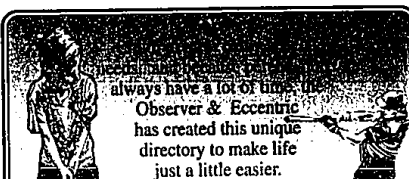
Students will learn how the Jewish tradition approaches the complex, challenging and rewarding task of being a parent. The course is open to all interested adults regardless of affiliation, background, or previous Jewish study experience. Tuition is \$21 for the series.

(\$15 for members) or \$7 per session (\$5 for members). Advance registration is encouraged but walk-ins will be accommodated. For more information, call Nancy Kaplan at 737-1931 or e-mail Elissa Berg at TorahTeach@aol.com.

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