

Gilda's Club is topic

Dr. Jacqueline Grekin, a founding member of Gilda's Club, will present an informal talk about Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26.

She will also speak about the upcoming 5K Walk and Family Block Party on Sunday, Oct. 4 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

Borders will host a fund-raising weekend for Gilda's Club on Oct. 9-11, donating 15 percent of proceeds that day for anyone who mentions Gilda's Club at the cash register while making their purchase. The club provides a support community for people with cancer, their families and friends.

Gilda's Club at 3617 Rochester Road in Royal Oak is a free, non-residential and non-profit facility offering lectures, workshops and social events named in memory of comedian Gilda Radner.

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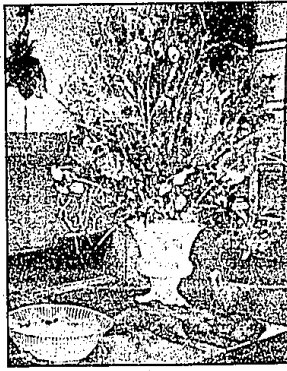
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September Solice: 1997 watercolor by Edee Joppich.



Still Life With Dragon Lamp: 1997 watercolor by Marsha Weigand.



Kimberly's Nest: Watercolor by Donna Vogelheim.

Watercolor note cards are now available

The latest edition of beautiful watercolor note cards are now available through the Farmington Community Arts Council. Paintings created by Farmington artists Edee Joppich, Donna Vogelheim and Marsha Weigand have been reproduced on four-by-six inch note cards. Each packet contains six cards, two of each picture, and cost \$5.

Note cards are available at Farmington City Hall, Farmington Hills Parks & Recreation registration desk and the Longacre House registration desk. Note cards may also be purchased at the Longacre House fashion show on Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Novi Hilton.

"The Farmington Community Arts Council extends its sincere appreciation to the generosity of the participating artists and to the support of the Farmington community through its purchase of note cards," said Nan Reid, arts council spokeswoman.

"These cards make wonderful gifts and can be used as thank you, welcome, going away or get well cards. Buy them for teachers, secretaries, special friends."

The purpose of the arts council is to present a unified voice to explore needs, foster communication and promote activities of art and culture. A nonprofit organization, the arts council presents the annual Farmington Festival of the Arts, which is next slated for April 25 to May 2, 1999.

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papers, he would be confronted by news from the Boer War in South Africa and American soldiers fighting "insurgents" in the Philippines. Like the Farmington paper, the editions were dull and predictable. There was little variety in headline types and styles. No photographs brightened the pages. The advertising again caught the reader's eye. Whether it was the Hudson's ad for \$1 petticoats or the cure-all proclamations, the advertising overshadowed the straight news.

There were ads for products that cured piles, "the fit" and "female weakness." There were ads for gargling oil, headache powders and celery compounds.

Letters to the editor

The stock market reports focused on railroad, iron, and copper stocks. The sport stories filled a half a page. There were no comics, daily features or real estate section. Selected letters from concerned citizens were reprinted. One lady was deeply concerned about spitting on the trolley cars and a policeman suggested that curfews and increased spankings would cure

Fall gardening tips

The Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington offers these tips for fall garden cleanup.

Many garden problems result from not cleaning up the garden debris in the fall. By cleaning the fall garden, many pest cycles can be eliminated.

Pull up vegetables and annual flowers. Rake up leaves beneath fruit and ornamental trees. Leaves raked and chopped make great mulch for the next year.

They can be stored in paper or plastic bags and covered with plastic for the winter. Weeds and diseased plants should be bagged for garbage pickup.

You might think of having your soil tested now and eliminate the wait that occurs in spring. Add several inches of compost or leaf mold at this time and you will have a jump start when spring planting time is here again.

Others enjoy you as a novelty - like the latest fashion or electronic game - but with time it becomes clear, it's not you they are really interested in, it's what you have, who you are, what you represent, what you can get for them.

Some are so phony they hug you and act interested in your life. At other times these same individuals ignore you. And even though you hate it, you learn to play the game.

There are those who befriend you until you have a measure of success which they perceive as greater than their own or threatening in some way. You haven't a clue as to why they ditch you, and it is usually only in retrospect you find the substance of competition, jealousy, insecurity have entered the picture. It may be your own accomplishment they find threatening, or even that of one of your children.

Others call you when they need something yet are conspicuously absent when you are in need. That is not to say friendship should have a tit-for-tat quality, that for every action there should be an equal and opposite reaction. No one would have friends if reciprocity were a measured commodity. But in all working relationships, caring friends give and take.

A true friend is there for the good times and the bad times, even when the bad times cause discomfort, and when it isn't possible, it can be explained. Friends are like good investments in the sense that their worth increases with time. They look forward to helping as much as being helped. They are happy for their friend's success, and though it may be difficult at times, they are beyond the limits of negative emotions and learn to be supportive even when they disagree.

Friends always have an open door, a hearing ear, a cup of coffee, story to share. They may not always agree or approve, but they are there to listen and understand. True friends endure across miles, over time. When they meet again, they readily take up where they left off. Those who do not meet these criteria are acquaintances, not friends.


With the passage of time I realize my mother was right: True friends are as rare as a four-leaf clover. And just as precious.

Kathie O'Donohue lives in Farmington Hills.

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and the way children do. Of course, there are degrees of social maturity. Children cry freely when a friend hurts them; adults learn to grieve silently within. Yet the same silly head games children play can often be seen with adults. There are some who will befriend you until someone "better" comes along, at which point you are left out in the cold. It is almost as if they can only accommodate a select few at a time, and you wear out your degree of necessity.

She doesn't think she'll ever feel happy again



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