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Paul Barber Arts festival committee member



Wow! Kids flocked to the Festival of the Arts April 24-May 2 at the William Costick Activities Center. The weeklong celebrated highlighted the artistic groups and members in the Farmington community.



Suprise: Shahram Haghi-Tabrizi took the keyboard unexpectedly during the Festival of the Arts. He loves to play but can't at home because it's too loud for his baby.







Mmmm: Ashley Edler Wisconsin, 7, and her brother T.J. Wolfgram of Farmington, take a long look at theRobert Pipenburg's sculptures.sculpture at the Festival of the Arts at the William Costick Activities Center.

Future beckons arts festival organizers

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Members of the committee
that coordinated and hosted the
Festival of the Arta April 25-May
2 are already looking ahead.

"I think we will add a couple
more things next year," said
committee member Paul Barber,
nusical director for Farmington
Public Schools.

An expanded Kids Day that
features more activities for a
greater variety of ages, as well
as a dance for teens, is being
considered.

"If we are going to have things
for kids it would be nice to
appeal to all ages," Barber said.

Committee members are also

talking about including more multicultural arts and foods. "We need to tap into the multi-cultural artistic side," Barber added.

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The gala - "A Starry Night"—
that kicked off the weeklong celebration of arts in the community was undoubtedly a success, but people were hungry, Barber said. "Maybe we will do a dinner next year and add a multicultural component. The gala has typically featured refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

The Farmington Area Arts Commission, one of the big backers of the festival, also may consider ways to include individual memberships.

This year, the committee post-

ed large signs throughout the community announcing the festival at the William Costick Activities Center.

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The boutique, which features art works for eale, also was a big hit — especially with Mother's Day on the horizon, Barber said.

"And the embroiders, they let kids make bookmarks — it went very well. It really was a nice week. We had something that appealed to a wide range. Maybe we can still tweak it more," Barber added.



Stitch by stitch: Donna Doerr of Redford . demonstrated the art of needlepointing.









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