

CLUB CIRCUIT

NORTH FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB
The North Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Tuesday, April 11, at the Farmington Hills Public Library. Guest speaker Bonnie Bowles will discuss "The Basics of Bonsai." Call Lyle at 563-2368.

HILL & DALE GARDEN CLUB
Hill & Dale Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Farmington Hills Library. The program will be "Container Gardening for Your Home." Call Barb for details at 626-2233.

GLASS STUDY CLUB
The Glass Study Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. April 17 at the Farmington Hills Library. Tom McGlauchlin, master glass artist will be the guest speaker.

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL
The Farmington Chapter of Aglow International will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10 at the Farmington Hills Library.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN
The Farmington Hills Christian Women will sponsor a "Get A quilted" breakfast 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Maples Country Club in Novi. The cost is \$10.60 per person and includes on-site child care. Call 788-2168.

BNI
Business Network International Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. The Greater Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Comfort Inn, 30715 W. 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

OPTIMIST CLUB
The Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the American Legion Hall at 31775 Grand River. Call 474-9680 or 442-9796.

KIWANIS CLUB
The Kiwanis Club of Farmington

Hills meets at 12:15 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at Steak & Ale Restaurant, 27690 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Prospective members are welcome. Call 681-8463.

TOASTMASTERS
The Windbaggers/Toastmasters Club meets 8:30-9:30 p.m. every Thursday, except the first Thursday of the month, at Kirby's Honey Island, 21200 Haggerty, in Farmington Hills.

To have your club listed in the calendar, submit the information no later than Monday for Thursday publication to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington MI 48335.

Art celebration for seniors May 5

"Seniors Celebrate the Arts" on Friday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Costick Center, 28560 11 Mile Road.

Prizes, a treasure hunt, dancing, a variety show/concert and a luncheon are planned. Farmington Community Arts Council is sponsor. Call 473-1830 to register.



Details: Marlowe Belanger points out one of many art pieces in her Hills home.

Marlowe Belanger from page B1

area artists.

"It's sad because they spend such a long time on one piece to refine it and get it to where he or she is satisfied and they're just interested in doing their work and they enjoy the process of

doing that work," she said. "Someone has to be out there helping the artist."

Belanger also hopes to begin a mentoring program among established and new artists. To meet this end, she has invited

college students to show their work at the Bloomfest, too.

"I'm hoping there will be relationships with the renowned artists and the apprentices to continue on with their work," Belanger said. "Often times we lose people because they go on to a profession that might be more lucrative for them."

Longtime volunteer

On a personal level, Belanger's work wasn't always lucrative — like her volunteer work as music director for 10 years during the 1930s and 1990s at her church, St. Fabian.

Her son, Brian, and daughter, Anne, were both in the choir.

Add to that her position on the board of directors for the Tuskegee Airmen, an all African-American World War II fighter squadron. The proceeds from fund-raisers go to help fund the national museum in the Fort Wayne complex in Detroit.

As for her future, Belanger said: "I would like to continue in consulting and aiding young artists and aiding arts agencies establish an organization in their community. Businesses look to cities with a strong cultural heritage to locate. It says the people are committed to the finer things in life and in quality of life."

Belanger added: "It's been an interesting life."

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