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LOCAL SINGER PERFORMS TODAY
Tenor Michael Parr of Livonia will sing a duet with Danica Randall in a concert by the Memorial Church Festival Choir 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$15, \$10 students/seniors. Call (313) 892-6330.

The "For the Love of Music" concert features the sacred music of Maurice Durufle, Benjamin Britten, Maurice Ravel, and Ernest Bloch. It celebrates Randall's 20th anniversary as soloist and section leader with the Memorial Church Choir. She and Parr sing in Britten's "Canticle II," a duet setting the story of Abraham and Isaac.

ART FOR A CAUSE

If you love art and want to help a good cause, plan on attending an auction 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13 at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Art for a Cause is sponsoring the event to benefit FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts. The Birmingham-based organization provides creative arts therapy and recreation services for children and adults with mental, physical and emotional impairments.

On the auction block will be an original Eric print, Fred Bear painting from the Fred Bear Museum in Florida, fine jewelry from Joseph DuMouchelle Fine & Estate Jewelers, a Harbor Springs vacation including Boyne golf, and whimsical hand-painted furniture by Birmingham artist Lisa Knoppe-Reed. DuMouchelle conducts the live auction. Music is by flutist Alexander Zonje.

Art for a Cause is a nonprofit dedicated to raising funds for local charities and at the same time providing functional works by local artists.

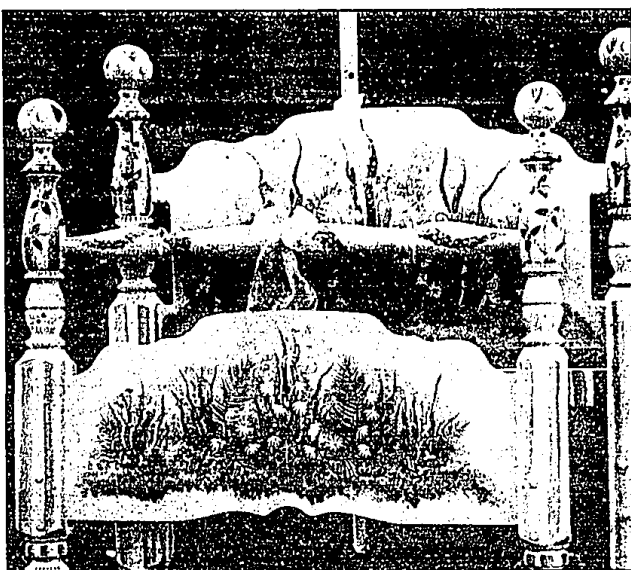
Tickets are \$50, reservations necessary. Call (248) 540-4755.

TRUNK SHOW

Plymouth quilt artist Meena Schaldenbrand will be guest speaker for the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 11 at First United Methodist Church, 1659 W. Maple Road, Birmingham.

The event is open to the public for a guest fee of \$5. For information, call (734) 475-5851 or (248) 353-5697.

The program will include a trunk show reflecting 20 years of



Art for a Cause: Lisa Knoppe-Reed hand painted the woodland scenes on this bed to be auctioned off on behalf of FAR Conservatory.

Schaldenbrand's work - personal story quilts, computer-generated quilts, group quilts, three-dimensional landscape, portraiture, Internet swaps, and quilted clothing. Schaldenbrand was the grand prize winner in the national Kaye Wood competition in 1997.

HIGH-ENERGY YOUTH MUSICAL

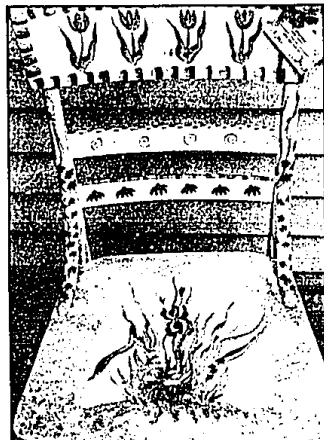
The 41-member New Generation Youth Choir presents IMAGE, a high-energy musical featuring toe-tapping music and humorous dialog. 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29877 W. 11 Mile, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Admission is free, although a free-will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of the group's spring break tour in Ohio and Pennsylvania. During the tour 24 members of the choir will present IMAGE to three congregations. Church families in each will host the youth after performances.

For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

GLASS BLOWING DEMONSTRATIONS

Erin Gross of Farmington



Whimsical: This hand-painted chair is one of the items in an auction sponsored by Art for a Cause.

Hills is one of the students displaying work in "A Glass Past: 2000," a group exhibit continuing through April 20 at Center for Creative Studies, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit.

The school will host a "Hot Glass Bonanza" featuring on-

going glass blowing demonstrations by CCS students, faculty and alumni noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 16 in the hot glass studio 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 14. The exhibit looks at how materials, influences by American culture, are used by artists to construct objects which document the world around them. A total of 25 collage and assemblage works will be exhibited.

ART EXHIBIT

Artifacts Art Club members will exhibit their work through Friday, April 28 at Livonia City Hall.

The multi-media show includes pastel, colored pencil, watercolor, photography, oil, and sculpture.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 7-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

AWARD WINNING SINGERS

students at Central and Pioneer Middle Schools, and Plymouth-Salem High School are celebrating their victories in the District Festival at Chelsea in mid-March. Central's eighth grade band received a Superior performance rating, as did all four of Plymouth-Salem's choirs.

On Saturday, April 1, the choirs from Central and Pioneer received Superior ratings in the Middle School Choir Festival in Ypsilanti.

District Festivals are hosted by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and the Michigan School Vocal Music Association. Several of the choirs will go on to participate in state and competitive festivals this spring for fun.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Farmington Community Band will award a \$500 scholarship to a student (from one of the three Farmington High Schools) who demonstrates a proficiency as an instrumentalist in woodwind, brass or percussion.

Deadline for application is May 1. Entrants will compete in the scholarship audition during the Farmington Arts Festival April 30 to May 7 at the William Costick Center. For more information, call (248) 926-8438.

The Barbara Hughes Memorial Scholarship is named after the Farmington Hills resident and former band member.

ART EXHIBIT

Farmington Hills artist Edee Joppich is one of 13 artists exhibiting work in "Pieces" April

14 to May 20 at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester.

An opening reception takes place 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 14. The exhibit looks at how materials, influences by American culture, are used by artists to construct objects which document the world around them. A total of 25 collage and assemblage works will be exhibited.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, except for Friday-Saturday, April 21-22. For information, call (248) 651-4110.

STONE AGE FINDINGS AT CRANBROOK

The results of research and fieldwork conducted by Michael Stafford and Mark Uhen, curators at Cranbrook Institute of Science, are on exhibit in the main lobby of the Institute.

Stafford's work focuses on understanding the Stone Age populations of Michigan, and the Stone Age transition to agriculture in Europe.

Among the artifacts are stone arrowheads, a pot, rim sherds, and Denmark's stone tools made of flint, recovered during Cranbrook's archaeological field excavations in Michigan and Scandinavia.

Uhen's primary interest is the evolution of whales. Included in his display is a 39-million-year-old whale bones unearthed in a field excavation in Alabama.

Cranbrook Institute of Science is located at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

For information, call (877) 462-7282.

SEASONED ARTISTS AT BLOOMFEST

The second annual DTE Energy Detroit Bloomfest will feature the works of several local artists. The largest indoor flower show in the region continues Sunday, April 9 at Detroit's Cobo Convention Center.

Participating sculptors include Kathy Dambach of Farmington Hills; Sergio DeGiusti, Redford; Peter Hackett of Rochester; Gary Kulack of Birmingham; Russell Thayer of Lathrup Village and Joseph Weener of Bloomfield.

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