

## Deaf Arts Fest

### Local hearing impaired sculptor exhibits work

A May exhibit for deaf and hearing impaired artists will feature the sculptures of Tim Nichols, a Farmington High graduate and Oakland Community College artist, who has continued his training in the Fine Arts program at Chattanooga State in Tennessee.

Specializing in Native American themes reflecting his Cherokee heritage, Nichols' work will include ceramics, bronze, and woodcarving.

"By creating in different media," Nichols explained, "I hope to show that the lives and backgrounds of all people can have special meaning. This is really true in the case of Native Americans who have had to be as strong as the materials that I use in my art."

Nichols' exhibit will be part of the Deaf Arts Festival to be held May 11-13 at the Holy Family Village at the De Sales Center in Brooklyn, Mich. For more information call (734) 426-9247 or visit their Web site at mhiggins@deen.chhs.cmich.edu



Sculptor: Tim Nichols displays a couple of his works which will be included in a show of deaf and hearing impaired artists.

## Athena Award winner named

Bernice Brandon will be honored as the 2001 Athena award recipient by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce May 23. Brandon was selected for her leadership as a business professional and work in assisting other women in advancing personal and professional goals. She is described by her peers as "genuine, friendly, honest, committed and caring."

As the member services coordinator for LOC Federal Credit Union, Brandon establishes contact with small employee groups and existing companies. She has been responsible for coordinating and presenting financial education courses throughout area school districts served by LOC Federal Credit Union.

Brandon has been an active member of the chamber of commerce for over five years, serving as an ambassador and on numerous special event committees. Outside her chamber activities, Brandon serves on the board of Steppingstone School and Longacre House and as a volunteer at Boys and Girls Republic.

The Athena Awards Luncheon will feature a fashion show highlighting spring apparel. The program is slated from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Farmington Hills Manor at 23666 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$30 and reservations can be made by calling the chamber office at 474-3440.

The program is hosted by the chamber and supported by Bob Saks Oldsmobile in Farmington Hills.

## Garden club meets tonight

The May meeting of the Hill and Dale Garden Club will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, at Spicer House in Heritage Park. The topic will be "Basics for a Table Centerpiece - Fun with Flowers - Demonstration and Workshop."

Flowers and materials will be available for purchase. The participants will supply a container of choice.

For more information, call Elaine Cook, (248) 349-7321.

## Library displays FAC artist's work

The Farmington Library, on Liberty Street in Farmington, currently has the artwork of Lynda Mokris on display in the entry hallway. Lynda Mokris is a member of the Farmington Artists Club, and lives in Farmington Hills with her husband and two children. Her artwork includes pieces done in watercolor, pencil, pen and ink and relief clay, and will be displayed during the entire month of May.

## School board lauded for arts support at youth festival

The Farmington school board has a long history of support for arts education.

Thus it is one of two boards to receive School Board of the Year awards from the Michigan Youth Arts Festival. The Battle Creek school board is also being feted.

The 39th annual Youth Arts Festival takes place May 10-12 on the campus of Western Michigan University. It will recognize 15 outstanding teachers and administrators in the areas of art, dance, music, theater, creative writing, film/video, and very special arts.

The Farmington board was cited for "having new facilities built or improved, professional staff increased, and accomplishments of the arts programs have been recognized, promoted and

**■ The Farmington School Board was cited for 'recognizing, promoting and celebrating the arts on an ongoing basis.'**

celebrated on an ongoing basis. Board members attend arts performances and advocate for a strong program in many other ways."

This year's honorees will be acknowledged at 7 p.m. Friday at a concert in Miller Auditorium, which culminates with a performance by the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Varineau and features five instrumental and vocal soloists.

## Million Moms meet on first anniversary of march

The Million Mom March will celebrate its 1st Anniversary at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at the Novi Civic Center. The program will consist of speakers, music, a gift basket raffle, concessions and a candlelight vigil at twilight.

Mother's Day 2000 the Million Mom March was born. Among the 750,000 moms and their families who headed to Washington, DC and Lansing to participate were a handful of local moms. Brought together by a shared concern for stronger gun laws and safer kids, six local moms began meeting regularly at the Tim Pope Playground in June 2000. "While our kids enjoyed the sunshine and swings, we worked toward our first goal - becoming the first chartered chapter of the MMM in the state of Michigan," said

Shirley Wicker, Co-President of the Novi MMM Chapter. Today there are 10 chapters chartered or forming in Michigan and 230 nationwide.

Reflecting on the past year, Carolyn Upton, Co-President of the Novi MMM Chapter said, "Our efforts thus far have focused on member recruitment, education and support of sensible gun legislation. As we look forward to the future, we recognize our work has just begun. Tragically, in the past year America has seen more school shootings, more shootings in the workplace, and more gun violence on the streets. Please join us on May 12 in our efforts to make a positive difference in our local community."

For more information call Nicole at (313) 778-4261.

## Trip planned to Mackinac's Grand Hotel

Farmington Hills senior adult division and Michigan Recreation & Parks Association present a senior trip to Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel Sept. 23-27.

Enjoy the splendor of Mackinac on this five day, Sunday through Thursday trip. Four nights accommodation at the historic Grand, full breakfast and five course dinner each night, and much more is

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included. The price is \$719 double occupancy or \$909 single occupancy. A \$200 deposit is due at registration and the last day to sign up is June 15.

A champagne reception, murder mystery dinner, horse-drawn island tour and live performances at the hotel are just

a few of the special events planned.

The trip leaves from the Costick Center, 11 Mile east of Middlebelt.

Cancellations after Aug. 31 will not receive refunds; cancellation insurance is advised. Registration forms are available at the Costick Center.

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