

Farmington Community Band strikes up 36th season Oct. 27

The Farmington Community Band is about to begin another season of providing musical enjoyment for Farmington and surrounding communities.

Beginning its 36th season, the band will again perform the popular Spooktacular Halloween concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Costick Activities Center. Sponsored by the Farmington Hills Target store, the show will provide haunting music, musicians in costume and a visit by Officer McGruff to entertain children. There will be a children's parade so wear costumes and there will be treats for all kids.

On Sunday, Jan. 20, the community band will join the Birmingham Community Band in a combined show at Groves High School. Each band will perform and then join together under the

direction of Michigan State director of bands John Whitwell. On Feb. 8, the band will host a Valentine's dinner dance at the Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. This event will provide a full evening of enjoyment with cocktails, dinner and dancing to the FCB dance band. Tickets go fast, so place orders early.

The band will continue its summer program by providing four outdoor concerts with two at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on June 6 and July 25 and one in the Northville gazebo on Aug. 16. Also this year, the band will perform a special concert at the Farmington Founders Festival on July 18 at 7 p.m. in downtown Farmington.

FCB has more than 60 members from 20 communities. Some are professional musicians, many are not.

For more details, call (248) 489-3412 or visit the FCB Web site at www.fcblmusic.org.

FCAC meets tonight at Heritage Park

The public is invited to the annual meeting of the Farmington Community Arts Council at 7 p.m. tonight at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, Farmington Road south of 11 Mile Road.

The meeting offers the public an opportunity to meet members of the FCAC and learn about the 24 organizations that comprise the council, and hear an update on FCAC's activities, including the Festival of the Arts.

Guest speaker JoAnne Wilko, executive director of Art Center of Mount Clemens, will talk about the successful "Art in Public Places" program that has been instrumental in placing sculptures in locations around Mount Clemens. The evening will begin with desserts and music by a jazz quartet. Call the Arts Division at (248) 473-1857 for more information.

FARMINGTON CLUB CIRCUIT

FARMINGTON GARDEN

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5 at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Jill Pines will discuss environmental friendliness. Call 616-3616.

HILL & DALE

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Aldo Vagnozzi Visitors Center in Heritage Park. Gail Dudzinski, master gardener and instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening, will be the guest speaker.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Farmington Historical Society will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the downtown Farmington Library. Lori Feret, noted lighthouse historian and photographer, will give a slide presentation on Michigan Lighthouses.

MUSICALS

The Farmington Musicals business meeting at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Hammell Music Auditorium in Livonia. At 1 p.m. members will perform *In the Pink - A Tribute to Henry*

Mancini. Call 478-8932.

FARMINGTON GENEALOGICAL

The Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the downtown Farmington Library. The topic will be *Military Records and Documentation for the Genealogical Researcher* presented by Douglas M. Cusamer, Director of the Macomb County Veterans' Services Office. He will provide an in-depth look at U.S. Military records.

EXCHANGE CLUB

The Farmington Exchange Club will meet at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Brass Point Restaurant in Farmington Hills. Estralee Michaelson, president of the Call to Action Coalition will be the guest speaker.

SUBURBAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 at Sandtraps, 36780 Five Mile in Livonia. Guest speaker Diane Trombley will discuss stem-cell research and cloning. To make reservations call (248) 324-1660.

BNI

The Business Network International, Farmington Hills chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19 at Kerby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road.

OPTIMIST CLUB

The Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Glencora Restaurant at 12 Mile and Middlebelt Roads in Farmington Hills. Call 474-9680 or 442-9795.

KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of Farmington Hills meets at 12:15 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at Steak & Ale, 27590 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Call 661-8463.

TOASTMASTERS

The Windbaggers/Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, except the first Thursday of the month, at Kerby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty, in Farmington Hills.

FINNISH CENTER

Dancing, singing, weaving, cards and more. You don't have to be Finnish to join. Call 478-6939.

Writing Your Memoir is class focus

A new class in Writing Your Memoir is being offered at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills.

Learn to connect the past to the future by writing your life story. The goal is to produce a completed mini-memoir by the end of the class that can later become part of a more comprehensive effort. A wide range of

publishing choices, including both traditional and hi tech options are covered.

Tips and techniques presented will provide direction in gathering and sorting data, organizing your material and telling your story. In addition to memoir writing, class participants are introduced to other formats including story and character

sketch collections, report writing, oral history, photo journals and story-telling scrapbooks.

Courses will be offered (four sessions) for \$50 on Tuesdays, Oct. 30, through Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon or the same Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.

For information, call the Longacre House at 477-8404.

Magician brings show to Longacre House

The Longacre House presents Aldo Columbini, magician, on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Columbini has been performing for 30 years across the U.S., Canada, Europe and South

America.

He has appeared often at Caesar's Magical Palace in Las Vegas and appears several times each year at the magic castle in Hollywood.

Tickets cost \$25 and all pro-

ceeds will go to preservation of the historic Longacre House. The event is sponsored by McCabe Funeral Home.

For more information, call 477-8404.

DuMouchelle Gallery hosts antique appraisals

An antique appraisal clinic will be presented by Ernest DuMouchelle Gallery at the Longacre House on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Current myths exist that martial arts training can foster violent tendencies in youth. The reality is that this kind of instruction actually instills in youngsters a respect for tradition and restraint as they develop confidence in their abilities. The martial arts stress humility and put great importance upon learning and practicing pacifism versus aggression.

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