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In 30 years as a Farmington Hills-based potter, John Glick has learned how to let his creativity run free.

"It's letting the imagination loose and not feeling restricted by my prior history as a functional potter," said Glick, adding, "You don't have to be just one thing."

The scene was a reception Monday for Glick in the lobby of Farmington Hills city hall, to honor his selection for Gov. John Engler's 2001 Michigan Artist Award, to be presented Nov. 13.

"John is such a source of pride for all of us," said Mayor Nancy Bates. Council and citizens gave Glick a standing ovation during the regular council meeting as

the artist was presented with a proclamation.

Marilyn Slatin Wick, an interior design consultant who has worked with Glick, was among about 30 on hand for the reception. "He has very interesting glazes; he's a perfectionist. Working with him is such a pleasure," she said.

Her husband Walt Wick adds, "To me, his work is very Michigan in appearance; the earth tones and colors. He gets tremendous affect out of the different techniques he uses in his shop. His technique and his style is the best in the Midwest."

On display Monday were two over-sized stoneware plates produced by Glick, done in earth tones and richly glazed.

Glick said he started pursuing pottery as an interest when his

parents indulged his desire to do crafts as a child.

"I had a fabulous high school teacher and an incredibly supportive mother and father," Glick said. In 1966, teacher Myrtle Munro at Cooley High School in Detroit got him into ceramics, metalwork and jewelry making.

While pursuing a master's degree at the Cranbrook Institute, teacher Majja Grotel "got me started asking questions. It's like giving your permission to be playful and change your ideas," he said.

While he produced more conventional pottery pieces early on, Glick now produces free-standing sculptural pieces like the landscape displayed in a photo at the reception.

His long-time studio is at 30435 W. Ten Mile Road.

Hockey legend Gordie Howe will visit the historic Civic Theatre in downtown Farmington between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 20 for an autograph signing.

Steve Graus, who owns three DC Sports stores, one at 12 Oaks Mall in Novi and two stores in Sterling Heights, is organizing the event.

Ticket prices, which are based on items to be autographed, vary. For information on the

price list, call Graus at (810) 481-0973.

Some of the proceeds will be given to Delbert McCoy, a burrhead victim, and to the American Red Cross.

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