

Commission seeks student art entries

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The Farmington Area Arts Commission invites high school students residing in Farmington and Farmington Hills or the Farmington School District to submit works of art for consideration by the jurist at the Costick Center between 5-7 p.m. March 20.

Artists may submit up to three pieces, original in concept and

production. All artwork must be picked up that evening between 8-9 p.m.

The Costick Center is located at 28600 11 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads.

Nan Reid of the Farmington Area Arts Commission said this is the group's 17th Annual Art Competition.

"This is a wonderful time to mingle with other high school student artists and have students recognized," Reid said.

Jeri Fellwock, a Farmington Hills resident, will be the jurist. She is a professional artist, teacher and art critic. "We look for artists who are teachers, someone who understands this youth group," Reid said.

Fellwock has an extensive biography. "I started out in oils and got curious about watercolors," Fellwock said.

An interest in experimental water media led her to abstract painting. "I'm really into abstract painting," she said. "I like the mystery and the challenge."

Fellwock has won many awards in juried exhibitions. She has participated in both one-woman, two-women and group exhibits.

Her professional affiliations include the Farmington Artists Club, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, the Detroit Institute of Arts, Michigan Watercolor Society, Signature Member of National Acrylic Painter's Association and the Birmingham Society of Women Painters.

Separate prizes will be awarded in two dimensional and three dimensional categories.

First prize is \$250; second prize, \$150 and third prize, \$75. Honorable mentions are \$50 each.

Entries should be accompanied by a design statement outlining the source of the work as an original idea or stating what reference materials were used by the artist.

Only individual works of art (no team collaborations) will be accepted.

Two-dimensional art should be unframed, mounted and matted, if appropriate. All work should be accompanied by a completed label including the design statement as well as the artist's name, address, phone number, school and art teacher's name.

Awards will be presented beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at the Costick Center's Shannon Hall.

Winners must be present to receive awards. Their families, teachers and principal will be invited to attend the award ceremony.

Winning art will be displayed at the Farmington Community Library, downtown branch, during April and at the Festival of the Arts, taking place April 28-May 5 at the Costick Center.

SWOCC studio on track for completion

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Southwest Oakland Cable Commission director Caren Collins had a little good news for Farmington City Council members Monday.

"We are on schedule and we are within budget," she said, by way of launching her presentation about the cable consortium's new facility on Nine Mile Road in Farmington.

Staff members expect to move in late July or August, Collins added.

The new facility will have a number of amenities not available at the existing building on Research Drive in Farmington Hills. Collins said the studios will be operated with digital

instead of analog cable, so that shows can be recorded directly into a central server.

"We could actually produce programs that will never see tape," she said.

Additionally, the new studio gives the staff more space than they've ever had. There's a larger control room and space to store props and set pieces, so the studios won't have to be used for storage.

A smaller studio will also be available for "talk" shows, which are very simple to produce and should allow more people to try their hand at doing a public access cable show.

The whole facility will have an open "loft" kind of feel, Collins said.

Councilman Arnie Campbell asked whether there would be space for outside companies to come in an use SWOCC's new state-of-the-art equipment.

"We'd like to explore those possibilities," Collins replied. Mayor Jim Mitchell noted the building under renovation was once a paint shop, and the redeveloped property would be a real asset to the community.

"The staff at SWOCC has done a marvelous job with the existing studios," added councilman Bill Hartsock, who is also a member of the SWOCC board. "I'm looking forward to seeing what you can do with the new studios."

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Panel adds new awards for seniors

The Farmington Area Commission On Aging will be presenting two new Awards along with the "2002 Diamond Award" during the Annual Senior Division Volunteer Luncheon to be held on April 18, at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

The new awards to be presented will be "The Gold Award" and the "Senior Division Award".

The Gold Award will be presented to an active community volunteer, age 50 or older, in the Farmington/Farmington Hills Area. The Senior Division Award

will be presented to an active volunteer in the Farmington/Farmington Hills Senior Division Programs who is age 50 or over.

For the past 10 years, The Farmington Area Commission on Aging has recognized residents aged 75 and older who remain active in community service with the annual "Diamond Award". Due to the tremendous efforts of so many senior adults in the community, the awards were expanded this year to reflect their contributions and the community's appreciation for their efforts.

To nominate a senior for the "Diamond Award", "Gold Award" or the "Senior Division Award", write a statement with the person's name, age, phone number and a short description of the nominee's community service.

Mail nominations to: Farmington Area Commission on Aging, 33312 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, MI, 48336 or fax them to: (248) 473-1800. All nominations must be received by the Commission before March 17, 2002.

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brook's companion school for the first time Feb. 19. It was chosen because of its proximity to Kenbrook. Alameda is the last overflow option for kindergarten.

Longacre Elementary, 34850 Arundel — Move students who live in the Muirwood complex to Gill Elementary, 21195 Gill Road, and "grandfather" next year's fifth graders at Longacre.

This was the most supported proposal by committee members,

who also called it the most efficient option.

There were no public comments at the March 5 meeting.

Some parents complained at previous meetings about the process used to determine attendance boundaries.

Andren Blair was one parent who asked that all parents be involved in the discussions, not just those whose students are in the overcrowded schools. She

believed parents in schools where students will be transferred are just as interested in what the school district has planned.

She wants all parents to have input early in the discussion and that information be conveyed about every proposal on the table.

"It would be nice if all committees have a uniform process," Blair said.

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