

Art exhibit demonstrates area's diversity

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A multicultural art exhibit that opened Thursday in Farmington Hills demonstrated the wonderful way in which feelings, traditions and styles of the myriad cultures can be expressed through the visual arts.

The exhibit is part of Heritage Week and represents a cooperative effort between the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council and the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department's Cultural Arts Division.

"I think we will have to rename the Costick Center the Costick Center Museum or the Costick Center Art Gallery," said Karen Bolsen, council co-chair as she delivered a welcoming address. "It looks fabulous."

The festival continues through today from 12:30 p.m.-6 p.m. at the center on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt.

The 2002 exhibit marks the first time in which juried awards were presented. Contributing artists are both students and professionals.

"It's a terrific for all of us to see this room come alive with all of this artwork," said Nancy Coumoundouros, cultural arts coordinator for Farmington Hills. "Art is one language which transcends both the written and spoken word."

Kegham Tazian, who worked on the exhibit committee, spoke about the jurying process. "It's a difficult one because it's not science and can be categorized as a subjective evaluation," he said.

Countries and cultures represented were the U.S., Iraq, Albania, Armenia, African-American, Arab-American and Hawaiian.

The art exhibit committee was Coumoundouros, Tazian, Hashim Al-Tawil and Leigh Sneed.

Awards were: First Place, Mohammed Fradi, Second Place, Patricia Bombach, Third Place, Salam Jamil Al Noore.

Honorable Mentions: Haydar Alynsir, Suzanne Bauman, Emily C. Howard, Nancy Lyons, Muhammer Malo, Sofia Anjum Taj and James F. Williams.

The jurying committee included Al-Tawil, Tazian and Coumoundouros.

Juried artists were: Suzanne



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Zuhair Shaaouni explains his art to Sherry Bock, daughter Emily and Danielle Zazian.

Bauman, Salam J. Al-Noore, Joanne Yono, Muhammer Malo, Patricia Bombach, Gordon R. Bardell, Lawrence N. Diggs, Emily C. Howard, Nancy B. Lyons, Mohammed Fradi, Haydar Alynsir, Zuhair Shaaouni, Mary T. Schmidt, James F. Williams, Sofia Anjum Taj and Barbara P. Smith.

Guest artists were: Al-Tawil, Tazian and Sabah Yousif.

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Emily C. Howard works with photos and digital imaging.

JCC, Jewish AIDS Coalition to host lecture

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit and Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition will co-host a lecture, featuring Ford Motor Company vice chairman and chief financial officer Allan Gilmour at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2.

The lecture will be given at the JCC's D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building on the Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Jewish Community Campus, 6600 W. Maple in West Bloomfield.

The presentation, *Being Out in the Workplace*, will feature Gilmour speaking on his experience as a gay man in the corporate world: then and now. Gilmour joined Ford Motor Company in 1960 as a finance staff financial analyst and later was supervisor of financial presentations. He was assistant to the executive vice president of finance before joining Ford Motor Credit Company as executive vice president of adminis-

tration. After returning to the parent Ford Motor Company in the late 1970s, Gilmour served as vice president and controller, vice-president-external and personnel affairs, executive vice president and chief financial officer, executive vice president in charge of international automotive operation, president of the Ford Automotive Group and vice chairman of the board. The lecture is free. Call (248) 594-6522.

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