

Musical Interlude plays

If you're in the mood for holiday music featuring some of the area's most talented performers, visit The Longacre House today during the "Musical Interlude Holiday Open House."

Continuous vocal and instrumental music and dance performances will go on from 1-6 p.m., featuring performers with the Farmington Musicals and Miss Farmington Oakland County Kelly Zander.

Musical scholarship winners Tom Koziela and the Smith sisters will perform, along with members of the Detroit Ballet and a group of Asian folk dancers.

Baked goods will be sold as a fund-raiser, and refreshments will include various holiday pastries and treats, some of which will be geared toward the health-conscious diet.

Tickets will be available at the door; all proceeds go to benefit the historic, 20-room Georgian manor, which was donated by the Spicer Family for use as a community center.

Hills artist featured at Potters Market

Robert Crisp of Farmington Hills will be one of the featured artists at the Potters Market Dec. 6-8, the largest pottery sale of its kind in the country.

Crisp is a Kroger cake decorator who transformed his cake decorating talent into a flair for pottery making.

Using a baker's tube, he creates dragons draped over, around and under functional vases and goblets, mugs and bowls.

The 27th annual Potters Market takes place in Madison Heights and is presented by the advanced ceramic students and guest artists of Oakland Community College Royal Oak campus.

The event features 137 potters offering nearly 40,000 pieces of pottery ranging from pots to jewelry, sculpture to mugs, lamps to planters and bird baths.

It takes place from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Dec. 6; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 7; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 8.

For information, call (248) 246-2686.

certified massage therapist, "By working hand and hand with the Farmington Area Goodfellows we can help make this holiday season a happy one for Farmington families and seniors who may be encountering financial hardships."

Healthy Touch massage specializes in relaxation, deep tissue, trigger point, hot stone,

and Belavi Face Lift massage. Healthy Touch Massage also provides out-call therapeutic massage for guests of hotels such as the Ritz Carleton in Dearborn, the Townsend in Birmingham, and The Athenum in Detroit.

For an appointment call Healthy Touch Massage at (248) 426-8880.



Robert Crisp of Farmington Hills uses a baker's tube to create dragon figures that drape around his pottery.

Massage-a-thon proceeds will benefit Goodfellows

Healthy Touch Massage is hosting an eight-hour massage-a-thon on Sunday, Dec. 8, from noon to 8 p.m. at 32535 Grand River, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

All proceeds will be donated to the Farmington Area Goodfellows, a nonprofit organization that assists area needy families and senior citizens during the holiday season.

The organization's motto is "No child or senior citizen without a Christmas."

Based on need, families and seniors receive a food box and grocery store gift certificates. Families also receive a toy box and senior citizens receive a health/home box, suggested minimum massage-a-thon

donations are \$25 for a half-hour massage and \$45 for a one hour massage. Donations will be accepted in the form of cash or check made out to the Farmington Area Goodfellows.

No credit cards, coupons or discounts can be accepted for this event. According to Melanie Parker, owner of Healthy Touch Massage and a

and European cultures are displayed as well as panels depicting a beaded turtle (Potawatomi tribe), a dragon (Vietnam), Armenian lace, Eskimos at a lake and a German cuckoo clock.

Religious and cultural symbols are also included. An ethnic panel legend lists the cultures represented in "Diversity Creates Beauty."

At its center, the quilt honors the city's 2002 anniversary with a patch about Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, the Frenchman who founded Detroit ("the straits") when he established Fort Ponchartrain on the banks

of the Detroit River in 1701. A large applique depicting the riverfront skyline as it looks 300 years later runs along the bottom edge of the quilt.

Since Detroit's 300th birthday celebration last year, people throughout metropolitan Detroit have viewed the traveling display.

Following its exhibit in the City Gallery, the Detroit 300 Quilt will be permanently displayed at the Michigan State University Museum in Lansing.

For information, call the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1856.

Blood drive set Dec. 4

Since the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, there has been a tremendous need for blood donations to the American Red Cross. Help by donating at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington from 9 p.m.-9 p.m. on Wednesday. The church is located at 25301 Halsted, on the west side of the street north of Grand River.

Walk-ins welcome or reserve a spot by calling (248) 478-7272.

Detroit 300 Quilt comes to local gallery

The Detroit 300 Quilt, celebrating the city's rich cultural heritage and commemorating the city of Detroit's Tricentennial, will be exhibited from Dec. 3-31 in the City Gallery at the Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

The gallery is located in the lobby and is open during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and during special events held at the center.

The 9-by-7-foot quilt called "Diversity Creates Beauty" features 62 patches donated by people of different ethnic

groups, sewn together to form a striking piece.

Diane Hardin of Detroit began designing the quilt nearly two years ago as a project initiated by the Wayne County 4-H to showcase and celebrate Detroit and Wayne County's cultural diversity. Volunteers, coordinated by Hardin, hand stitched the quilt layers.

Quilting squares were created and donated by people from different ethnic groups including Irish, Pakistani, Lithuanian, Native American tribes, Hmong, Croatian, Slovenian and Yemeni. Patches celebrating African, Mexican, Cuban

and European cultures are displayed as well as panels depicting a beaded turtle (Potawatomi tribe), a dragon (Vietnam), Armenian lace, Eskimos at a lake and a German cuckoo clock.

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Hope for the Holidays
The holiday season can be difficult for those who have recently lost a loved one. That is why Hospice of Michigan offers "Hope for the Holidays," a 90-minute seminar with useful tips to help you cope during this time.
Wednesday, December 4, 6-7:30 pm
Farmington Hills Hospice Home
25911 Middlebelt Road
[south of 11 Mile Rd]
Call 313-578-6331 to register or for more information.
HOSPICE of Michigan

Holiday Stars Shine!
Holiday spirits rise with the sweet sounds of the dulcimer, the nostalgic choruses of Barbershop and Dickens, as the Mall echoes with live entertainment each day throughout the holidays.
December Entertainment
1 • Sun. 1:00 p.m. Harmony - Vocal Duet
3:00 p.m. Dallanco Folk Ensemble
7:00 p.m. Schoolcraft College Jazz Band
4 • Wed. 7:00 p.m. Translesome Barbershop Quartet
5 • Thurs. 2:00 p.m. Charlene Berry Dulcimer
6 • Fri. 7:00 p.m. Livonia Civic Chorus
7 • Sat. 12:00 p.m. Dickens Carolers
2:00 p.m. Renaissance Barbershop Chorus
8 • Sun. 2:00 p.m. Norma Ahead Rising Stars Singers
9 • Mon. Gary Cooper Variety Instrumental
10 • Tues. Gary Cooper Variety Instrumental
11 • Wed. 1:30 p.m. Clarenceville High School Choir
2:00 p.m. Farmington High School Orchestra
3:00 p.m. Detroit Fine & Performing Arts, Band & Orchestra
14 • Sat. 12:00 p.m. Dance Extreme
3:00 p.m. Silver Strings Dulcimer
7:00 p.m. Cheryl Roulet Gospel Inspirations
15 • Sun. 2:00 p.m. Ladywood High School Women's Choir
16 • Mon. 11:30 a.m. Ladywood High School Women's Choir
17 • Tues. 11:30 a.m. Joseph Berko, Pianist
18 • Wed. 7:00 p.m. euFonia Barbershop Quartet
19 • Thurs. 10:00 a.m. Power Middle School Band
1:30 p.m. Clarenceville Middle School Choir
20 • Fri. 11:30 p.m. Clarenceville High School Orchestra
7:00 p.m. William Harris Pianist
21 • Sat. 2:00 p.m. Renaissance Barbershop Chorus
22 • Sun. 1:00 p.m. Harmony - Vocal Duet
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Festival board seeks comments
The Farmington Area Founders Festival, Inc. Board of Directors will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 4, to officially wrap up its 2002 festival business and set strategic direction for the 2003 event, scheduled for July 17-19.
As plans are being made, public input is welcomed. Comments and ideas may be submitted in writing to the board using any of the following methods: email to info@foundersfestival.com; FAX to 248-932-2540; or mail to FAFF Inc., P.O. Box 291, Farmington, MI 48332-0291.
Please be sure to include your full name and contact information (address, phone, e-mail).
The Farmington Area Founders Festival is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been an annual tradition since 1995 thanks to the generosity of residents, businesses and friends.
For more information, visit www.foundersfestival.com

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THE EYE AND ARTHRITIS
How ophthalmology and rheumatology relate to each other gives you an idea of the way different specialties work together in medicine. Disorders of the joints often are linked to inflammations in the eye, for reasons that are yet unclear; a number of arthritic conditions cause eye pain and blurred vision.
In one condition - ankylosing spondylitis - the eye problem may appear before the joint difficulties begin. Ophthalmologists are aware of this association, and will refer a patient with a recurring problem - called uveitis - to a rheumatologist for further evaluation of underlying ankylosing spondylitis or a related condition such as ulcerative colitis.
In turn, if a rheumatologist suspects he is dealing with a joint problem called sarcoidosis, he will send the patient to an ophthalmologist to confirm the diagnosis. Sarcoid is known for its ability to hide silently, without causing blurred vision, in the anterior chamber of the eye.
Other conditions that call for cooperation between ophthalmologist and rheumatologist include juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, temporal arteritis, Behcet's syndrome, systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjogren's syndrome, and Wegener's Granulomatosis. On occasion, other forms of arthritis such as psoriatic arthritis, will require the assist of an ophthalmologist to diagnose and treat a related eye condition.
For rheumatologists, close relations with eye doctors are just as important as contacts with orthopedists, physiatrists and physical therapists. No one doctor knows all that is needed to give good care, or has the experience in the tools required for diagnosis and treatment.
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