

Arts Commission honors Fellwork, Community Musical

The Farmington Area Arts Commission has named Jeri Fellwork as the 2003 Artist in Residence, and the School District Community Musical, a local music theatre group, as the Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Fellwork is a resident of Farmington Hills and the School District Community Musical is a local musical theatre group that stages a musical production each year at North Farmington High School under the supervision of Deann and Sue Cobb. The winners will receive their awards at a special ceremony during the Farmington Area Festival of the Arts at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. The ceremony and reception are open to the public.

Fellwork studied art at Oakland Community College, Birmingham Boulevard Art Center and the Visual Art Association of Livonia. She is known for her fine abstract acrylic paintings.

Her work embodies great imagination, excitement, versatility, brilliant color and inspiration.

A participant in numerous local, national and international exhibitions, Fellwork has received many awards for a high level of artistic excellence.

She is part of countless private and corporate collections, including Oakland Community College.

Fellwork has been a member of several galleries, and has had one-woman shows in various locations including the City Gallery at the Costick Center and the Farmington Public Library.

Fellwork received the Distinguished Service to the Arts award in 1990 and continues her service to the arts through programs sponsored by the Farmington Artists Club.

The School District Community Musical has been providing the Farmington community with full-scale musical productions since

1993, complete with sets, pit orchestra, lighting, costumes and over 80 participants. The goal of the musical is to bring together students, teachers, school administrators, staff, and their families along with interested community members, to present a professional quality show.

With members of the Farmington Community Band in the pit orchestra, support from the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, as well as resources and funding from the Farmington School District, they have produced shows ranging from *The Music Man* to *Footloose*.

Performances at North Farmington High School normally sell out the 700-plus seat venue.

The musical is unique, in that only residents of the Farmington school district or school district personnel and their families can participate. Often, entire families have been involved on stage, back stage and in the orchestra, and it is not unusual to watch a scene involving actors aged six through 76.

The Artist in Residence program was created in 1976 and is implemented by the Farmington Area Arts Commission with support of the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department. The award was initiated to recognize the artistic talents and accomplishments of individuals who reside in Farmington or Farmington Hills.

The recipient receives a cash award, plaque and reception in their honor. They are also invited to exhibit their work at the Festival of the Arts and Art in the Corridor series in both City Halls.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes groups or individuals for their outstanding service to the community in the support, promotion, management or teaching of the art.

The honorees are also honored with a cash award, plaque and reception.

HomeAid directors

HomeAid Southeastern Michigan, a non-profit organization dedicated to building shelters for the temporarily homeless, today announced the appointment of its Board of Directors.

Chairperson James S. Bonadeo, owner, Bonadeo Builders in Plymouth. Vice Chairperson Steven Berger, President, BRG Development.

Treasurer/Secretary Donald J. Mailho, Jr., Senior Vice President, Standard Federal Bank.

Assistant Treasurer Gerard Melnick, C.P.A., Chief Financial Officer, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Assistant Secretary Eileen Wioszek, Auxiliary Administrative Assistant, Building Industry Association. Wioszek is also the HomeAid

program manager.

HomeAid Southeastern Michigan was established under the auspices of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) in late February. The Board of Directors are currently reviewing plans and will announce the first HomeAid building project this spring.

HomeAid Southeastern Michigan, a chapter of HomeAid America, will help meet the needs of Michigan's temporarily homeless in the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair. For more information about HomeAid Southeastern Michigan, call (248) 862-1059.

Hitachi honored

Hitachi Automotive Products (HAP) was named as a General Motors Supplier of the Year for its overall business

performance in providing GM with parts and services. The award was given during ceremonies Saturday, April 12, in Miami at the Miracle Theatre.

"Hitachi Automotive Products is representative of the companies GM expects to grow with us as we seek to increase market share," said Bo Andersson, vice president, GM Worldwide Purchasing Production Control & Logistics. "The company's performance and contributions have been critical in helping GM to become the industry's low cost producer of high quality vehicles. They serve as a role model for other suppliers."

Mr. Masahiko Fujisawa, President of Hitachi Automotive Products (USA), Inc., stated "I am very proud of the recognition we have received in winning this prestigious award. I wish to thank all of our team members for their

hard work, dedication, and commitment to supplying quality parts and service to GM. This award marks the sixth consecutive year, and seventh time in total, that HAP has been honored as a GM Supplier of the Year."

The GM Supplier of the Year award began as a global program in 1992. Award-winners are selected by a global team of executives from purchasing, engineering, manufacturing and logistics who base their decisions on supplier performance in quality, service, technology and price. This year, General Motors honored 70 suppliers for their excellence throughout 2002.

HAP employs over 1,000 people among its manufacturing and headquarters site in Harrodsburg, Ky., a Technical Center in Farmington Hills and a remanufacturing facility in Torrance, Calif.

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