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Hills artist to host studio open house

Local artist Elizabeth Lurie will host an open house May 2 and 3 at her home and studio, 29228 Summerwood in Farmington Hills.

Hours are Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a demo at 2 p.m. and on Saturday, 10 p.m. to 5 p.m., with a demo at 2 p.m.

"Now that I no longer participate in local art fairs, my Studio Open House has helped me to maintain my connection with the many clients who have come to know my work in porcelain over the last 30 years," Lurie said. "My garden, which is my particular joy, is also open for the enjoyment of guests and refreshments are served."

This year, ceramic sculptor

Ruth Coulson has been invited to show her work as well. Lurie's updated web site (www.elizabethlurie.com) has photos from shows she has done in venues like the Smithsonian and Philadelphia Craft Shows, pictures of the studio, garden, her new work and Coulson's work for those clients who cannot attend or who live in other parts of the country.

An example of Lurie's work from the Detroit Institute of Arts permanent collection is currently on view outside the exit of the "Magnificenza" exhibition at the museum.

For more information, call: (248) 851-1732 or visit www.elizabethlurie.com

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Blood Drive

Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills will hold a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, to make an appointment, call (248) 626-7965. The church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road.

Dowdathon

A bowlathon and silent auction will be held to benefit the Leah Marie Bolin Memorial Award at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Drakeville Lines in Farmington Hills. Registration begins at 3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 553-4776 or (734) 459-0070.

Benefit Concert

The Farmington Musicals will host a benefit concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills. Performances will include The Three Sopranos, flute-harp duo, Lauren Erickson and Cecilia Webster, and award winning clarinetists Seth Larson and Joseph O'Reilly. All proceeds will benefit the Student Awards for Musical Excellence. For ticket information call (248) 626-3856 or (734) 455-3565. Tickets also available at the door.

Festival of the Arts

Farmington Festival of the Arts runs through Sunday, May 4, at the Costco Center in Farmington Hills. The festival will include live art, lectures, workshops, music and more. Call (248) 473-1800.

Beechview Swim Club

Beechview Swim and Tennis Club located near 11 Mile and Midfield, is seeking new members. For more information call (248) 471-4377.

Quilt Smoking

Dakota County Health Division's Health Education Unit is offering a quilt smoking class noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, at Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, in Farmington Hills. Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 338-5385.

Bingo

The American Legion Post 346 in Farmington hosts bingo every Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$1. Six cards for \$1. The post is located at 31775 Grand River. Call (248) 474-9778.

Victorian Woman

Ann Peterson presents The Victorian Woman at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Warner Mansion in downtown Farmington. Topics will include Victorian clothing, culture, social events and family life. The cost is \$5. For reservations call (248) 473-7275.

Comedy Night

The New Hope Center for Grief Support presents Comedy Night: Laughing on the Outside at 6 p.m. Friday, May 16, at the Farmington Hills Manor, 23666 Orchard Lake Road. Eric Wilson from the WDIV Local 4 weather team will be the master of ceremonies with a performance by comedian Bill Thomas. The evening will include appetizers, dinner, cash bar and a live auction. Proceeds will benefit the New Hope Center for Grief Support. Tickets are \$50. Call (248) 348-0155.

National Speakers

National Speakers Association, Michigan Chapter, will meet 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Holiday Inn North, 3600 Plymouth Road, in Ann Arbor. To register, call Amy at (800) 990-7726. Open to the public.

Nonsense

The Farmington Players present Nonsense through May 25 at the

Farmington Players Barn. Call (248) 219-0800.

Junior Golf Tourney

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club is now accepting registration for their annual Junior Golf Tournament to be held Friday, June 13, at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills. Boys and girls 11-18 will play separately according to age groups. The cost is \$35 and includes golf, lunch and awards ceremony. Golfers limited to 164. For more information call Scott Franklin at (248) 855-4949 or e-mail him at SGF22@aol.com

Summer School

Farmington Public Schools Early Childhood Department is now accepting registration for the Summer School Enrichment Program for children ages 3-5. The program runs 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 16 through Aug. 15. For more information, call Sandra Milman at (248) 489-3373.

Sunday Brunch

Enjoy Sunday Brunch at the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills on Mother's Day, May 11. Call (248) 478-6939.

Finnweaver Crafts

Join the Finnish Center Finnweavers for crafts and activities 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month. No money needed. Call (248) 478-6939.

Stamp Collectors

Stamp collectors meet 2-4 p.m. the last Sunday of every month at the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 478-6939.

Rabbit Rescue Auction

The Michigan Rabbit Rescue will hold its third annual Silent Auction and Rummage Sale 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at the Sylvan Lake Community Center. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Tickets must be purchased by April 25. Call (248) 682-7320.

SALES

Hop Sale

Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is holding a garage sale and a silent auction 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10, to raise funds for a local mission to Zambia, South Africa, and a trip to a national youth gathering in Atlanta, Ga. Items for sale include furniture, jewelry, sports equipment, children's clothing, baby items, baked goods, and collectibles. The church is located at 39200 W. 12 Mile. Just east of Hagerty.

Flower Sale

The Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women will sponsor its fifth annual Flower Sale 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, on Grove Street in downtown Farmington. A variety of hanging flower baskets will be available for \$16 each. Proceeds will benefit the AAUW Scholarship Fund.

First United Sale

First United Methodist Church in downtown Farmington will hold its annual spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 15, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 16.

Antioch Sale

Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills will hold a rummage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 2, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 3 (bag sale). The church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Roads.

Farm Artists Sale

The Farmington Artists Club Spring Art Exhibit and Sale will be held

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through Sunday, May 4, at the Costco Activities Center, in conjunction with the Farmington Festival of the Arts. The Costco Center is located at 28600

11 Mile Road

The Women's League of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills will hold a two-day rummage and bake sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, May 2 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 3 (bag sale). The church is located at 12 Mile and Farmington Roads.

GOLF OUTINGS

YMCA Golf Classic

The Farmington YMCA will hold its annual golf classic Monday, June 9 at Walnut Creek Country Club. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. with shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. A free raffle ticket will be given to anyone who registers before April 30. Call (248) 553-1934.

Chamber Golf Classic

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber Golf Classic will be held Wednesday, June 18, at the Links of Novi. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Early-bird rate is available for anyone registering by May 1. Call (248) 474-3440.

Angela Hospice Golf Outing

Angela Hospice will hold its 15th annual golf outing Monday, May 12, at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. For more information call (734) 953-6018.

CLUBS

North Women

Women of North Farmington will hold their spring luncheon and craft show at 11 a.m. Friday, May 16, at Twin Beach Country Club in West Bloomfield.

Farmington Garden

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, May 5 at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Member, Beth Poole will give a presentation on container gardening.

North Farm Garden

North Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Tuesday, May 13, at the Aldo Vagnoni Visitors Center in Heritage Park. Jan Everson will give a presentation on Hostas and Companion Plants.

Hill & Dale

Hill & Dale Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Heritage Park Visitor's Center. The topic will be Growing Geraniums the Natural Way.

Embroiderers

The Farmington Hills Embroiderers Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 348-1931.

Musical

The Farmington Musicals will present Awards for Musical Excellence at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills.

Exchange Club

The Exchange Club will meet at noon Wednesday, May 7, at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills. Guest speaker Rev. Gardner will discuss Nipponology.

Career Women

The National Association of Career Women - Metro Detroit Chapter, will hold its monthly meeting 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Hilton Hotel, 26000 American Drive in Southfield. The West Suburban Chapter of WACW will meet 1:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.

Northville Genealogy

The Northville Genealogical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Northville District Library.

SENIORS

Park Walk

Join City Naturalist Joe Derek for a walk in Heritage Park 10 a.m. to noon Monday, May 12. For more information, call the Senior Adult Division at (248) 473-1830.

Food Festas

Enjoy food, fun and games on Cinco de Mayo, Monday, May 5 and a Mother's Day Celebration, on Monday, May 12. For details and times call (248) 473-1830.

Senior Lunch

The Finnish Center in Farmington Hills offers lunch for seniors at a minimal cost beginning at noon the third Wednesday of the month. To make your reservation call Eleanor at (248) 437-0350.

CLASSES

Home Building

Farmington Community Education and the Oakland Builders Institute will offer a 16-hour seminar on passing the builder's license examination 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday May 20-29 at the Community School, 30415 Shawasssee. To pre-register call (248) 489-3333.

Investment Seminars

The Farmington Community Library offers investment seminars on various topics including: Wills, Trusts and Probate Avoidance, Retirement Plans and New Asset Allocation. For dates and times call (248) 474-7770.

Chronic Illness

Botsford Hospital will offer a free seminar on chronic illness and employment issues at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7. The hospital is located at 28050 Grand River.

Herbal Remedies

Mary Jane Sudokum RPh a Botsford registered pharmacist, will discuss herbal remedies relevant to women's health issues 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 848-1150.

Y Aquatics

The YMCA in Farmington Hills offers swim classes for all ages starting at six months through adult. For more information call (248) 553-4020.

SUPPORT

Headache Support

Providence Northwestern Medical Center in Farmington Hills offers a Headache Foundation Support Group at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month. Call (248) 258-1973.

VOLUNTEER

Pet Therapy Volunteers

Doctor Paws Pet Assisted Therapy is a non-profit organization based in Farmington Hills, in cooperation with Therapy Dogs Incorporated that tests and prepares your dog and you to visit hospitals, nursing homes, children centers, etc. on a volunteer basis. If you have a dog that gets along well with other dogs and people and would like to volunteer one hour or more a month visiting patients please contact Dr. Paws at (248) 888-7488 and get involved. You can also visit their web site at

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For \$2 per line you can place a special remembrance message for the veteran that you would like to be remembered on this page. You can include a picture along with your message for an additional \$10.

Just call, fax or e-mail your message by Monday, May 19th, to:

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