Artist Club, Arts Council present 2003 Festival awards

The Farmington Area Arts
Council celebrated the community's best and brightest
artistic talents during an awards ecremony held Sunday
as part of their Festival of the
Arts.
Winner of the Distinguished
Service to the Arts Award was
the Farmington School
District/Community Musical,
which stages an annual production under the direction of
Dean Cobb. duction under the
Dean Cobb.

"It's an opportunity by a lot

of hard-working people to get everyone in the community involved, axid Jim Liska, Chairman of the 2003 Artist-la-Residence Committee, and the appreciation comes in the involvement.

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which regularly sell out during their annual run. Only resi-dents who live in the Farmington School District or school district employees can participate.

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"His not unusual to watch performers on stage from stax to sixty-six years old," and Farmington Mayor James Mitchell, who expressed high praise for the program. In its 30th year, the Farmington Artist Club presented awards for its annual juried exhibition, judged by Michael Sevick, currently an instructor of art, mural paint-

ing, watercolor, artist bookmaking and drawing at the University of Michigan-Filmt. First place went to Jeri Fellwock for her acrylle abstract, "Thomerows Drams"; second place, Reglina Dunnes dramate portrait, "The Coach"; a portrait titled "Fax," by Nancy Hurd took dre place; and Suzanne Bauman fluingly won the place honors with her incorporation of that number in an abstract titled "Four."

The Grumbacher Award for best use of color went to Reglina Dunnes "Sentinel of the West," which incorporated a south-

western color scheme.
Club president Alice Nichols, sporting a trademark hat, said Parmington Arlist Club members bring their talents into the community, working with senior citizens whose works were also displayed at the Costick Center. Also, through the 'Art Smart' program, artists bring portfolies into the classroom.
"We have some very, very talents, creative people in the Farmington area, she said, noting club members come from

ing club members come from throughout the metropolitan

Arts Commission member

Haroun Alameddine presented special recognition to Paul and Fern Barber, who are retiring after more than three decades of service to the community through Farmington Schoola and the Farmington Community Band.

The couple formed the group in 1966 as a way to encourage people to get involved.

"They are extremely dedicated to serving our community". Alameddine asid, "We have all benefited from their dream." Fern Barbor, who was appointed to the Arts.

appointed to the Arts Commission in 1980, said the award was a tremendous sur-

prise.

"It's wonderful to be in a community like this, where so many people volunteering and be a part of that, so the community is always as vital as it today."

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Anncy Bates commented. "How fortunate we are to live in a community that understands and values the healing nature of art."

She quoted Fellwock, who said she loved the "mystery of the unknown" that abstract art represented to her.

"Arcylic and abstract really opened doors for me, said Fellwock. "It was a way I think I could express myself."

She doesn't usually have and teen in mind when she begins to paint, but instead fills in layers and adds texture until she begins to see alsapes and images, which she then pursue.

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"It's difficult to know when a
painting is done, Fellwock
said. 'I think they're done
when there's no more marks I
can make on them. If I still
think I have more to say on a
subject. I go into a series of
work. It gives me a chance to
really explore all the elements
and aspects of what I'm trying
to say.

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Hills cultural arts coordinator
Nancy Coumoundouros made
a strong pitch for considering
arts not a luxury, but a need in
life, Schools have started making the arts part of core curreculum and hospitals have
made use of art in patient therapy.

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"Everyone who gets up in the morning experiences the arts," she said. "The arts are all around us. They've part of our lives."

2003 FISH SCHOOL STUDENT ART AWARDS

Two Dimensional

1st place: Ellen Cappo, Mercy 2nd place: Genevieve Mihalko, North Farmington

3rd place: Noa Kritzer, North Farmington

Three Dimensional

1st place: Alex Sobolev, Harrison 2nd place: Christine Kenerson. farmington

3rd place: Ashley Lake, Farmington.

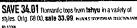
Honorable mention

Marina Bakhmutska, Harrison; Kevin Clark, Farmington; Inna Gringauz, North Farmington; Ashley Lake Farmington: Wendy McPeak, Farmington, Hilary Michalak, Farmington; Genevieve Mihalko, North Farmington: Kelly Petalo, Farmington; Whitney Sage, Farmington: Avantika Sharma, Farmington; Meghan Stewart, Farmington; Nicole Stowers, Mercy

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