

# Why Farmington Students Win Art Awards

Winners of 27 awards and five gold keys in the recent Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, Our Lady of Mercy High School was maintaining a standard set 18 years ago.

Sister Mary Ignatius, head of the art department, said that her classes have been entering the competition since she joined the Mercy staff, and more than 50 per cent of them are winners.

Even before that, when Sister Ignatius was teaching at the Grand Rapids Academy, her classes were sending en-

tries to the Detroit contest and reaping as many awards as they do now.

"THE APPROACH to art is constantly changing," she says. "With so many new challenges, we search for new ways of interpreting, and many new inspirations come. Sometimes we wonder, now why didn't we think of this years ago?"

"Increased excellence comes with gradual growth of teacher as well as pupil," Sister Ignatius continued. She regrets that many Mercy stu-

dents who want to enroll in the purely elective art courses must be disappointed.

The OLM schedule is divided into Art I, II, III, IV and Art Appreciation.

In the first year, students are taught drawing, form, light-and-dark values, color and the use of graphic media. They draw from life and learn fundamental elements and essentials of good design. Space relationships and line values are stressed in drawings and page planning. Simple painting is introduced.

Art II continues teaching form in drawing as the linear projects become more complex. Creativity becomes paramount as students explore design, form, and color painting media are introduced as is sculpture.

Art III, growth in perfecting line and form is stressed. More subtlety of design is expected. New painting media are introduced as is sculpture.

Art IV probes more deeply into all of the learned skills. Near-perfection is expected and the stress is on creativity plus perseverance; exploration of all media is encouraged.

An art appreciation course is available to juniors and seniors whose intellectual and emotional capacities enable them to appreciate quality art. They learn that life is largely

an experiencing of values, that art has the function of organizing experiences into values that express important things. The course prepares fine-arts consumers rather than producers.

SISTER IGNATIUS received her own art degrees from Mercy College (bachelor of arts) and Notre Dame University, where she added a fine arts degree and a master's. She also did several summers of graduate work at Michigan State.

Her basic art incentive, however, was inspired by a teaching sister of the high school level.

One of her greatest satisfactions now is preparing her most gifted students to become teachers in their turn.

She realizes the great dearth that exists of really fine art teachers.

Four of Mercy's very best art graduates of last year are now in training as art majors.

"And let's not forget," concludes Sister Ignatius "that art is a spiritual experience. When I adopted the name of St. Ignatius (he was the founder of the Jesuits), I also adopted his life's motto: Ad maiorem Dei gloriam.

"It is the Latin for 'to the greater glory of God.'"

"I suggest that the girls put the letters AMDG on the back of their pictures with a little cross and that they say a prayer before beginning. This has never failed to help. After all, our native talents are given to us by God."



SISTER MARY IGNATIUS, head of the art department at Our Lady of Mercy High School delightedly shows off some of the sculpture pieces to be on display at the school's Festival of Arts which will begin on May 14 and continue for a week. She believes that such an ambitious arts festival is a unique undertaking for a high school.

## Behind The Prizes

Since both Farmington High schools and Our Lady of Mercy had such excellent showing in the recent Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, art department heads were asked: To what do you attribute this urge of outstanding art work?

Out of 22 accepted for the national competition, five local students were named in the awards, placing Farmington schools collectively second only to Detroit's Cass Technical High School

## Seven Who Won The Awards

Seven Farmington students have been named winners in the national Scholastic Art Awards.

Their works will be displayed at the National High School Art Exhibition May 16-June 9 in the Union Carbide Exhibition Hall on Park Ave., New York City.

Two North Farmington High students won scholarships; Steven Lawing, 17, to Illinois Wesleyan University and Katherine McLean, 17, to New England School of Art.

Our Lady of Mercy High scholarship winners are Marie Henderson, 17, to the school of the Dayton Art Institute, and Donna Little, 18, to the Cleveland Art Institute.

A North Farmington High medalist winner is James Prain, 17, for a transparent water color.

Honorable mentions went to Eric Capel, of Farmington High, and Nannette Browne, of North Farmington High.



AT HOME recovering from surgery, Mrs. Ruby Glick poses in her studio with some of the ceramic sculpture which is currently one of her major art interests. She is preoccupied with

the theme of mother and child, and uses it in many varying forms. Mrs. Glick is head of the art department at Farmington High School.

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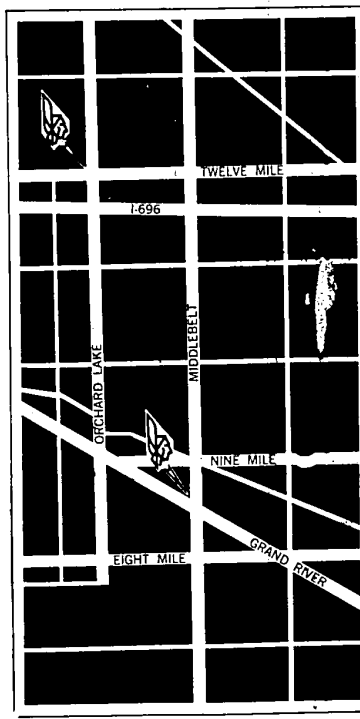
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