



Keep-Farmington-Beautiful Month

Flower sale is a reminder that cleanup time is here

By LORAIN McCLISH

Farmington Beautification Committee is ready for its annual spring flower sale, when hundreds of flats of flowers, shrubs, dried arrangements and hanging baskets will fill the fountain area in Downtown Farmington Center May 19-20.

"The prices are right," said committee spokeswoman Jackie Steurer. "We consider the sale a service, something to remind the residents to pretty up their house and lawn."

Flowers ready for planting and a variety of shrubs come from Steinhof Nursery and Springbrook Gardens. Floral arrangements and baskets come from Floral Boutique.

"We expect to sell flats for \$4.50," Ms. Steurer said, "which is last year's price. If we make a profit, it won't be that big, yet it all goes back into the routine plantings we do around the city."

THE COMMITTEE has just completed one of its routine plantings on the grounds of Farmington Department of Public Works (DPW) when two crimson king maples were put there in observance of Labor Day.

Other routine plantings and regular maintenance is done by the beautification-minded group on the triangle at Shiawassee and Grand River; the Masonic Temple corner; and the little boulevard on Shiawassee west of Farmington Road.

"Committee members," Ms. Steurer said, "plus maybe some of our neighbors and relatives, do all the work involved."

The committee works on a budget from the city, and once in a while gets a donation of money, or time or talent. The Farmington area Jaycees, for example, gave \$50 towards the landscaping of the DPW grounds.

Future plans for the committee in beautification efforts circle around a proposal to do some dressing up of the entrance of the two cities on Grand River near the I-56 freeway.

The only true effort in fundraising the committee has ever pursued was quite recently, and that is the sale of T-shirts which read "Keep Farm-

ington Beautiful."

They were put on sale a year ago in conjunction with the flower and shrub sale. Vikings, then Facsetters, both shops in Downtown Farmington Center, offered to sell them; then Steinhof's retailed them in his nursery.

"Now I have bucketsful of new ones," Ms. Steurer said, "that will go on sale this month and we will be selling all year around."

PROFITS REALIZED from the T-shirt sales, Ms. Steurer hopes, will go back into promoting such services as the recent pruning and ground preparation seminar the committee staged in April.

It was a first-time effort for the Farmington committee and one that dispensed a great deal of garden and lawn information from a host of experts without charge to those who attended.

During May, school children are making posters that will soon be seen in public buildings, and area businesses have been sent copies of Mayor Richard Tupper's "Keep Farmington Beautiful" proclamation as a reminder that spring clean-up and planting time is here.

Ms. Steurer lauded the community's business and industry for cooperation in making Farmington a good-looking city, which was evident, she said, during the annual fall awards banquets.

"We've been giving awards to those who do take time to make their places look good for 10 years now, and some have taken awards for 10 consecutive years," she said.

There is no set number of awards given out. They go to all churches, schools and businesses that rack up the right number of points on a very complicated and precise list of judging specifications.

"IF ANYONE has any questions, we'll all be out taking our turns during the spring flower sale and we enjoy talking with residents, telling them what we are doing and trying to do," she said.

"And all of our meetings are open. We welcome visitors."

The committee meets in Farmington City Hall on Liberty at 8 p.m., the second Thursday of every month.

The spring flower sale runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 12 and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 20.

Paul Olivier. The new officers will be installed by Beth and Walt Gale.

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Persons wishing information on instruction are invited to call the Paul Oliviers, at 476-2717.



Jackie Steurer is trying to persuade residents to buy and wear "Keep Farmington Beautiful" T-shirts which go on sale this month, to promote beautification efforts in the community. (Staff photo by Harry Maute)

Birch Bayh fields some questions

By SHIRLEE IDEN

U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh waxed eloquent on abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment, juvenile justice and the direct election of presidents and then hedged on the question of the arms sale in the Middle East.

Appearing before the Greater Detroit Section of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) at the Michigan Inn in Southfield, the senator spoke to an audience of several hundred, mostly women, and then entertained questions.

A questioner noted that the morning's paper had reported that 68 percent of the American people are against any sale of jets or sophisticated arms to Israel, Egypt or Saudi Arabia.

"Since the Congress now has a three-part arms deal and not a package to deal with, how will you vote on arms for Israel, for Egypt and for Saudi Arabia?" the questioner asked.

Bayh's response was that he doesn't believe in packages.

"If I'm forced to vote on the whole thing, I'd vote for nothing," he said. "Since the Yom Kippur War, Israel is in a good position, but would lose more in a package deal than they would gain."

He went on to say that in the past he has opposed the sale of sophisticated arms to the Arabs.

"We supply Israel principally to maintain a balance in the area. I hope we do not have to deal with a package."

PRECEDING his speech, NCJW women had been urged to write and telephone their senators and congressmen and the White House voicing opposition to the administration's proposed sale of F-15 jets to Saudi Arabia and sophisticated weapons to Egypt.

In his prepared remarks, the Indiana senator did not mention the



SEN. BIRCH BAYH

arms sale, an omission noted by many in the audience.

Bayh was first elected to the U.S. Senate at age 34 in 1962. He is a member of the Judiciary, Appropriations and Intelligence Committees and chairs the last.

Bayh was a candidate for the presidency in 1976 but dropped out because of the ill health of his wife, Marvella.

Concerning abortion, he said he had never been involved with a more emotional issue nor one with more deep moral concerns.

"If it's a moral issue, then it should be decided on a different plane than we're on," he said. "It shouldn't be a question of whether you're wealthy and can afford an abortion. We should not deny poor women the right to

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Farmington Councilman Warren Buckler, JoAnne McShane, and City Manager Bob Deadman dig in to Keep Farmington Beautiful. Ms. McShane is chairman of Farmington Beautification Committee, now revving up for the annual spring flower sale. The trio helped plant crimson king maples in observance of Arbor Day. One day they will tower 60 feet high. (Staff photo by Harry Maute)

Fancy Farmers take diplomas

The Fancy Farmers of Farmington will hold graduation ceremonies for the largest class of square dancers to complete 30 weeks of instruction.

The Graduation Gala Square Dance is set for 8 p.m. May 12 in Farmington Training Center on Warner and Thomas.

"Yearling dancers are invited to join us," said square dancer Edith Stone. The graduates studied under the

direction of caller Bruce Light and round dance caller Karen Dzielgeleski, in a program co-sponsored by Fancy Farmers and the Community Education Department of Farmington Public Schools.

All told, 41 dancers will receive diplomas who traveled from throughout Wayne and Oakland Counties for three consecutive 10-week sessions. Part of the graduation ceremonies

will include installation of officers for next year's season of dancing. SUE AND LLOYD DEMPSEY, of Birmingham, will be co-presidents, and Marge and Jimmy Carter, of Farmington, will be vice presidents.

Other officers are Joann and Bud Frye and Edith and Jack Stone, all of Farmington Hills; and Pat and Bill West of Walled Lake. Out-going presidents are Ruth and

Paul Olivier. The new officers will be installed by Beth and Walt Gale.

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Winning works on display

Barr, Dombroski take top awards in art show

By LORAIN McCLISH

Rose Marie Barr won the top prize in the Farmington Artists Club spring exhibit for her oil painting called "Erma," and Bill Dombrowski took the people's choice award for his work called "Nature Beauty."

Voting by guests for their favorite in the show is a tradition of the club's twice-a-year exhibit.

All of the winning works, together with all of media coming from 50 artists who are affiliates of the local club, will go on public exhibit in Tel-Twelve Mall May 22-24.

Juror Ken Gross gave second prize to Edie Joppich for her collage, "No Strings." She also took an honorable mention for "Cat Nap."

The two were followed by Marjorie Chellistop for her watercolor, "Convergences."

Coming in for honorable mentions were Dorothy Clark, Eleanor Neff, Barbara Turney, and Gladys McMillan. ARTISTS CHOICE awards, which are made by a vote of the artists themselves, went to Jerrine Habsburg, a teacher in Farmington Community Center for her oil, "Michigan Riverescape."

The artists gave second place to Gus Lassen, for a portrait of his son, and third to Dombrowski for a work called "Kaleva Farm."

Honorable mentions went to Larry Galarowicz, Alice Nichols, Agnes Hodge, Shirley Hulet, Ken Lockwood, Mary Souder and Gwen Tomkow.

Racking up votes from the public, following Dombrowski, was Wally Mordarski's "Going Home," and Jan

Rochleau's "Moods of a Summer."

These were followed for Dombrowski's "Kaleva Farm," and Norma JoannCurran's "Barron."

Other public choices went to Cell Surbrook, Shirley Hulet and again, Mordarski.

The artists will run their works through another judging in May, when the show moves to Southfield's Tel-Twelve Mall, when ribbons will be awarded in a cooperative effort between Ron Sevold, manager of the mall; Lou Mahlin, owner of Farmington's Art Alcove, and Nord Frames.

Many of the artists, including Ms. Habsburg, will be demonstrating their art during show hours, which are the regular shopping hours of the mall.



Farmington artist Rose Marie Barr shows her winning oil painting, "Erma" that, along with the works of 50 other artists, will go on display in Southfield's Tel-Twelve Mall May 22-24.