

# Center plans summer activities for youth

There is a variety of summer classes planned for youngsters in Farmington Community Center filled with art, music, dance, dramatics, computer programming, model rocketry, photography, calligraphy, clowning and mime, plus the opportunity to attend riding camps or a farm day camp.

In-person registration is set from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at 24705 Farmington Road. Mail registration begins May 29.

Other offerings are sewing classes, origami figures for children, cooking classes for boys and girls, puppetry and Japanese brush painting. Kindergarten piano lessons and bike-repair sessions are also scheduled.

Jane Weiss, the center's assistant director says, "The summer schedule is specifically designed to provide fun for kids plus a unique learning experience. We hope our carefully selected in-

structors will inspire each student to discover the artist, or a special interest, within himself or herself."

**ADVENTURES IN ART I** (grades one-four) and **ART II** (grades five-eight) meet Mondays and Wednesdays led by instructor Donna Jankowski. Classes will explore fibers, print making and painting. Art II teaches photographs and linoleum prints as well as pen and ink drawing.

Barbara Burgess' ballet classes will begin June 22.

Tap dancing classes for boys and girls meet for 10 sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Shirley St. Mary leading the chorus line.

Creative drama students will explore the creation of puppets and write and produce a puppet play which they will perform for an audience Thursday.

July 9, as part of the center's schedule of special events.

Taffy Jones will guide the young puppet makers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs. Jones has written three syndicated newspaper columns and a TV series. She is the producer for Whistle Stop Children's Theater and the Children's Library Theater.

A **COURSE** in computer programming for those in grades six-10 will gather Mondays and Saturdays beginning June 22. The eight sessions will be taught by Allen Peterman, programming manager for an auto company and instructor at Oakland Community College.

No prior knowledge of computers is required for this class.

Harry Neuman will open up the world of model rocketry for youth on Tuesdays and Thursdays in a four-session class. Neuman is an aeronautical engineer. He will cover fundamentals of rocket propulsion and flight.

Youngsters will learn the way a camera works and how to take a photograph in Dave Litogot's Photography for Young People (ages 10-14). Sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. Litogot is the official photographer for Dunekel Middle School and the Farmington Historical Commission.

Sue Denning continues her calligraphy classes for children ages 10 and up in a four-session class beginning June 23. Beginning instruction is given from 10-11:30 a.m., and an advanced class is held from 12:30-2 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Parents are invited to join their youngsters in Jack Lightcap's clowning and mime classes starting June 22 for an eight-session workshop.

**ALL THE WONDERS** of farming and animal care plus riding, swimming and boating awaits youngsters 5-12 years at Upland Hills Farm Day Camp. Sessions are held in two, four-, six- or eight-week classes between June 29 and Aug. 21.

The center sponsors two programs in English riding in cooperation with Haverhill Farms Riding Day Camp and Rochester Riding Camp.

Lorraine Fenster returns with "Sewing for Girls," 9 years and up. Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for eight sessions. Girls learn basic hand sewing and the use of the sewing machine.

Theresa Ono brings the mystery of "Origami Figures" to her Wednesday classes beginning July 15. Mrs. Ono unveils this oriental skill of paper cutting for ages 8 and up from 12:30-2 p.m.

Young people's cooking classes return to the center with Barbara Dermod repeating her popular class again this summer. Boys and girls in grades three to six will learn to prepare a variety of dishes which will be accompanied by a beverage and eaten for lunch. Class meet Tuesdays for four sessions.

Those ages 13-18 will discover the ancient art of Sumi-e, the Zen art form that captures a mood with a few quick strokes of a brush. Young people will gather on Thursdays in a five-session class from 3-5 p.m.

Randy Martin, manager of the Farmington Hills Bicycle Hut, will cover bike repair. In three sessions, Martin will teach everything from operation and maintenance to difficult repairs of multi-speed bikes.

## Bernice Forrest

# Painting is her way of life

By Loraine McElish  
staff writer

Bernice Forrest, artist, designer, teacher, sculpturer, author, and illustrator of technical and children's books, shows her acrylics and watercolors in Farmington Hills Community Library through the month of May.

The Franklin Village resident's work was seen last month in Ford Hospital-

West Bloomfield changing exhibit. While the show goes on here, she prepares a one-woman show for Detroit's Gallerie De Boicourt.

"Paint, paint, paint. That's my way of life," Mrs. Forrest said, who has taught art to both children and adults, as well as completed all didactic work in instructional technology leading to a Ph.D.

"I think I've experimented with eve-

ry media, because whether it's still life, people or scenes, the subject matter dictates the media, which has to do with my feelings for the subject," she said.

"I'm like most artists in that we change our styles constantly. Every one's thoughts change, so our painting styles change."

Mrs. Forrest describes the work she's placed in the library's Quiet

Room this month as "interpretive realism."

**CURRENTLY**, the artist is shopping for waterproof clothing and camera boxes she'll need for a white water trip down the Colorado River. The trip is her third where both camera and sketch pads are intrinsic equipment for gathering materials for future paintings.

One result of her first trip, to Italy with fellow-members of Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association (BBAA) was "Postlano Sketchbook." It is a unique book in that the author writes in sparse on words describing the ancient Italian village, giving way to let the sketches tell the story. She does this in portraits, overviews of the landscape and street scenes, or close-ups of birds and flowers in the area.

The results of her second trip, to Costa Rica, with a group led by Birmingham artist Richard Koslow, will be seen in Gallerie DuBois next fall.

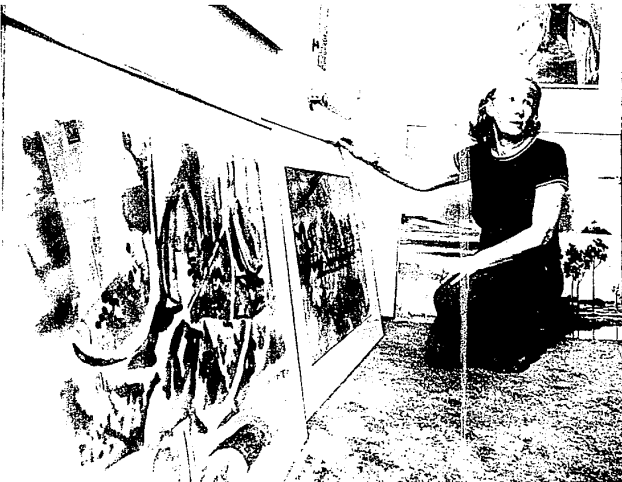
"I have 18 pieces that came from the Costa Rica trip," she said. "I think I set some kind of a record for painting. Most of the artists with us finished three or four paintings."

"With the fantastic mountains, dusks, sunrises, I just got wound up and couldn't stop sketching," she said.

In addition to her affiliation with BBAA, Mrs. Forrest is a member of Birmingham Sculptors Guild, Michigan Watercolor Society, Palette and Brush Club, and is an associate member of Farmington Artists Club.

The Farmington Hills Community Library is at 32737 12 Mile Road. The library staff offers walls of the Quiet Room to Farmington Artists Club members to show their work to library visitors. Each exhibit runs for a month.

## Staff photos by Randy Borst



The versatile artist has turned her thoughts to watercolor of late since the medium is gaining as a favorite in the Midwest. Bernice Forrest's watercolor and acrylics are predominant in the May show in the library.



Bernice Forrest works in her dining-room-turned-studio filled with paintings in various stages of completion.

## NWUU Church lists officers

Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway in Southfield elected new church officers at a recent congregational meeting.

Jan Decker of Detroit was elected moderator and Ted Danielson of Dearborn is vice moderator.

Other new officers elected to the church council include: Don Flavin of Farmington Hills who will be adult education director; Peggy Collins of Roy-

al Oak, public relations director; Shirley Charboneau of Southfield, religious affairs director; Marty Urborg of Detroit, religious education director; and Mike Gibson of Detroit, social responsibilities director.

New members of the board of managers include: Tony Hough of Southfield, Don Gaines of Farmington Hills, Bruce Grevenmeyer of Detroit, and Doreen Myers of Livonia.



## Seniors show arts and crafts

Michael Fedeson, who picked up his paint brush after a 25-year gap in lessons when he joined classes in the Gathering Place, is one of dozens of area seniors who will show their art works and handicraft to Tally Hall shoppers during regular mall hours Wednesday. Jo Schmidt heads up the art students whose lessons and

materials are subsidized by Farmington Art Foundation. Yvonne Singer heads up the craft classes. All activities in the Gathering Place are paid for and sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

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