

She strives for look-alive art

By Loraine McClash
staff writer

An artist who says she likes paintings that "look alive" is showing her work in a one-woman show in the Quiet Room of Farmington Hills Community Library through Sept. 30.

Gertrude Pritz is a newcomer to Farmington Artists Club, as she joined the club in hopes of stimulating her talent after "painting off and on in spurts since high school," she said.

She attended Detroit's Central High, and one of her most precious high-school memories was watching Diego Rivera paint the murals in the Detroit Institute of Arts.

She spent her Saturday mornings looking at the institute's artworks then attending art classes to pursue a career in that field, but she got herself waylaid, she said, "by being caught up in motherhood."

THE WORK Mrs. Pritz exhibits in her first one-woman show is all realism; many are of people. Even a river in one of the show's landscapes has the look-alive look she strives to perfect.

She generally works from photographs, many of them taken by her son, a professional photographer.

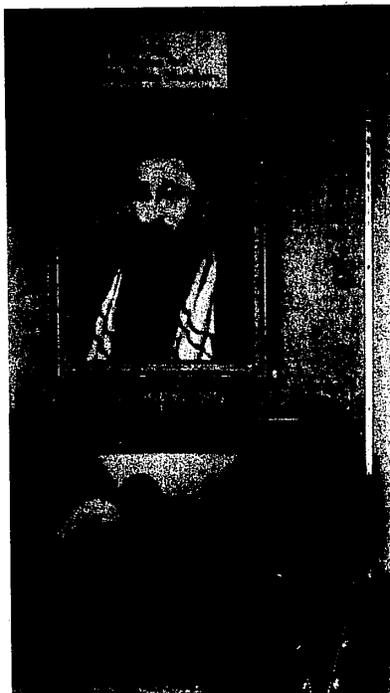
One such work is a portrait of her husband, Herb, a violinist with the Oak Park Symphony. The picture was taken

when Pritz threw a scrape over his shoulder and joined in playing with a Mexican band for an afternoon's fun during a vacation in LaJolla, Calif.

Through all the years of painting only in spurts, she kept close to the art world by becoming a member of Detroit Institute of Arts' Founders Society and visiting local art shows, where she was introduced to the members and the work of Farmington Artists Club.

Now she is working to become an active volunteer for the Founders Society to "work in the surroundings I love so much," she said.

The Farmington Hills Community Library is at 32737 12 Mile Road.



R.S. WILSON/staff photographer
Farmington Art Foundation is honoring Gertrude Pritz as "Artist of the Month." She is showing her work in Farmington Hills Community Library through September.

Hospital names PR director

Timothy Ball, of Farmington Hills, was appointed public relations representative for Harper-Grace Hospitals in the Detroit Medical Center.

Ball received his bachelor of arts degree in communications from Central Michigan University and a master of arts in journalism from CBN University, Virginia Beach, Va.

He is a member of the Southeastern Michigan Hospital Public Relations Association and the Michigan Hospital Public Relations Association.

MSU fall term starts Sept. 24

Michigan State University's fall program at the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education (BCEE), 746 Purdy, will begin Sept. 24.

Registrations are being accepted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. On Sept. 14, 15 and 21-23, registration hours will be extended until 7 p.m.

Interested persons can join a class without being formally admitted to the university.

Course offerings include business communications, biology, educational computer applications, stress management, educational administration, vocational-technical education, adult education and statistics.

Complete master's programs are available in school and agency counseling and classroom teaching, with no on-campus residency required.

Academic advisers will be available Sept. 14 and 15 to discuss graduate programs. Interested persons should make appointment in advance.

For an appointment or to request a complete listing of courses, call 645-5410.

Morning school openings available for fall term

New Morning School, a nonprofit parent cooperative school for children in preschool through eighth grade still has limited openings for the fall term. Openings remain in the preschool-day care program and the K-8 school. As construction is completed at the school's new site on Haggerty Road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile Roads in Plymouth Township, registrations will continue to be accepted.

A late September opening is slated with a full complement of school days planned.

New Morning School, founded in 1973 in Plymouth, is unique in its high level of parental involvement. Parents are involved as teacher aides, in building maintenance, fundraising or secretarial work. A non-co-op option is also available at a higher tuition rate.

The preschool meets each day from 9:15 a.m. and is directed by Marilyn Romack, Canton Township resident, a certified teacher with an M.A. from Eastern Michigan.

Parents can choose the days their child will attend. Full child care is offered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and will be available year-round.

Each child benefits from a multitude of individual and group activities. Class size is limited to 15 children.

The K-8 school will have a total enrollment of 30 children and will be staffed by two certified teachers, Zila Heaven, Chelsea resident, and Elaine Yagjela, Northville township resident. Both teachers have taught in the school for the past eight years.

Each child's school program is planned individually by the teacher and student, relating basic skills to the child's interests. Decision-making and responsibility to the group is also stressed.

NEW MORNING is an ungraded school where children make comparable or better progress than would be

anticipated in the public school system due to the high level of individual attention from the teachers.

Apprenticeship positions are available for the middle school children in an attempt to relate classroom work to the "real world" and to explore career options available.

The K-8 school meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day with extended child care hours available. French, music, swimming and movement education are available for all children in the preschool and K-8 school.

A September 15 meeting is planned for families already registered for the school year. This will be the first meeting of the year although parents have already been busy painting the building and doing minor carpentry in an effort to keep construction costs low.

Inquiries will be taken by Elaine Yagjela, 348-9294.

Classical piano concert planned

Diana and Debra Schmuck will give a piano concert of classical and sacred numbers on Thursday, Sept. 17. The concert will be at 8 p.m. in Kresge Chapel of William Tyndale College, 35700 12 Mile Road (between Drake and Halsted).

The Schmucks are from Pennsylvania. They are graduates of Wheaton College Music Conservatory (Wheaton, Ill.). Following graduation they studied

duo-piano literature with Mary Sauer of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for two years. During that time, they performed a number of recitals, played with the Chicago Civic Orchestra, were church organists, taught at Chicago Conservatory, and for five summers taught at Czech Summer School of Music in Pennsylvania.

Most recently they toured the Philippines, giving duo-piano programs and

working with the Summer Institute of Linguistics in the area of folk music and culture.

Debra earned her master of music degree from DePaul University in 1980, while Diana spent two years in the Philippines teaching music. One of those years she spent at the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade's Bible College in Manila. FECC has nearly 300 missionaries serving in Japan, Taiwan, Hong

Kong, the Philippines and Alaska. This concert is sponsored by PECC, which has its headquarters on Freedom Road in Farmington.

In addition to sacred numbers, the Schmucks will be playing works by Dvorak, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Stravinsky and Cruger. There is no admission fee for the concert but a free-will offering will be taken. The public is invited.

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