



Third-graders Joel Mazur (left) and Jeff Gray work on their drawing on the sidewalk in back of Wooddale Elementary School.

Art blooms on sidewalks

Students interpret works of Georgia O'Keeffe

Third grade students at Wooddale Elementary in Farmington Hills took their artistic talent to the sidewalk, following the style of abstract American painter Georgia O'Keeffe.

After studying the works of O'Keeffe, students from Retta Lon-

don's class interpreted her work in color chalks on the school's sidewalks.

Art consultant Araxey Barsamian said the O'Keeffe segment was part of the district's new art curriculum, which incorporates art history into

art education.

"To feel a space in a beautiful way is what art means to me," O'Keeffe once said.

O'Keeffe, who was born in 1887 and died in 1986, was known for her use of strong, clear colors and nature motifs.



Retta London's third-grade class the sidewalk in back of Wooddale Elementary School for a sidewalk drawing project.



Araxey Barsamian (center), art consultant for Wooddale and Kenbrook elementary schools, explains the sidewalk drawing project to a group of third graders from Retta London's third-grade class at Wooddale.



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● **CONSULTANT HONORED**
Farmington science consultant Douglas Cooper was one of 29 educators honored statewide this spring, by being named to the Michigan Technology Council's First Science Quest Honor Roll.

● **BEARY NICE**
Early childhood students at Farmington Community School enjoyed a Teddy Bear Picnic this month. Children spent several weeks making picnic baskets, honey butter and biscuits to share with their furry friends June 1-2.

● **SENIOR CITED**
Bobb Beauchamp of Farmington Hills is one of 13 graduating high school seniors to receive a Distinguished Minority Freshman Scholarship from Michigan State University. Scholarship winners receive tuition for 12 academic terms, totaling more than \$2,000 per year. Beauchamp will graduate from Harrison High School, where he holds a 3.77 grade point average and ranks 10th in a class of 222. He plans to major in political science and pre-law.



B. Beauchamp

● **HISTORICAL TRIP**
Eighty eighth graders from Thomas Beahan Junior High School in Farmington took part in a six-state, 1,000-mile trip to the Antietam Civil War Battlefield in Maryland, Harpers Ferry in West Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.

While in Harpers Ferry, the students stayed in a hotel used by Mark Twain, Alexander Bell and Woodrow Wilson. They also took a hike to the top of Maryland Heights for an excellent view of the valley. In Washington, the students visited the newly restored Union Station, Ford's Theatre, the White House, the

Vietnam and Lincoln memorials, Arlington National Cemetery and the Capitol building. In Gettysburg, they visited the Battlefield Museum, the electric light map, the Cyclorama painting, the National Tower and took a bus tour of the battlefield.

● **EIGHT GRADUATE**
Eight area boys graduated May 21 from Birmingham Brother Rice High School. They included: Matthew Menovick of Farmington, and from Farmington Hills: Brian Pettersson, Daniel Morrow, Gregory Gentner, Joshua Bailey, P. Sean Looney, Patrick Jokel and Zachary Fryer.

Commencement was held at St. Regis Catholic Church next to the school on Lahser Road.

● **WINS SCHOLARSHIP**
James Sung of Farmington Hills is one of 200 outstanding Michigan high school graduates to receive a \$1,500 scholarship, which can be used at a college of choice.

● **TOP HONORS**
Glencarlo Zulliani of Farmington Hills took two grand awards for middle school level students at the Metropolitan Detroit Science and Engineering Fair.

Other Farmington Hills students winning first-place honors were Rajeev Gotrapati at the high school level for earth and space science; and John Heller, John Poczak and Heather Shenkman at the middle school level.

● **AWARD GIVEN**
Roberto Devoto, member of the senior class at Farmington High School, was the recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship from the National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program. Devoto is among 500 Hispanic students from throughout the U.S. who

are receiving scholarships for one year's study at the college of their choice. An additional 500 students will receive honorable mention awards.

● **HISTORY CONTEST**
Four eighth grade students from Power Middle School were winners in the Lee S. Peel Research Paper Contest sponsored by the Farmington Historical Society.

Erin Scheffler, Marc Bennett, Debbie Buchin, Shivan Kaura were honored at a banquet May 12 and received cash prizes for their efforts.

First-place winner Bennett won \$100 and a certificate for his video interview with local historian Jean Fox and a research paper on the Warner family. Second place winner Buchin won \$50 for her paper on fashion from the 1800s to today.

Scheffler and Kaura tied for third place each received \$25. Scheffler did a project on the Botford Inn, and Kaura discussed one of her neighbor's historic homes.

The winners' papers will be placed in the history room at the Farmington Community Library's downtown branch.

● **POETRY WINNER**
Melissa Prendergast, a student at Power Middle School in Farmington Hills, was selected as a national winner in the 1989 Scholastic Writing Awards program in the poetry division. She competed with more than 25,000 entries from across the country and was one of 500 winners.

● **HONORS GIVEN**
Melissa Taylor, a senior at Farmington Hills Mercy High School, was awarded first place honors by the Michiana Cello Society in the 1989 Herbert Butler Memorial Scholarship competition in Kalamazoo. She also received the Michigan Youth Symphony tuition scholarship to the University of Michigan School of Music.

● **MUSICAL REVUE**
The second grade classes at Wooddale Elementary School are "Goin' Buggy." As part of their spring school activities, they staged a whimsical, half-hour musical revue called "Goin' Buggy" by Jill Gallina.

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