

Holiday Heritage



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Big weekend: Hill and Dale Garden Club members Barbara Glaser (left in above photo) and Jean Moran carry a Christmas tree to the greens sale last weekend at Farmington Hills' Heritage Park. The sale was part of the third-annual Holiday Tour of the park's Visitor Center put on by the Friends of Heritage. This year's theme was "The History of the Decorated Tree." Examples of how trees were decorated in days of yore were displayed in the Visitor Center. The trees, sponsored by Farmington-area businesses and clubs, ranged from the simple decor of the 14th and 15th centuries to the elaborate Victorian tree (photo at left showing Ann Denby and Friends' Nancy Pastor) done by the Friends of Heritage. The tour was expanded this year to include a Hanukkah display, antique toys, model trains and visits from Santa Claus. Proceeds from the event will be used to help maintain the park's Visitor Center.

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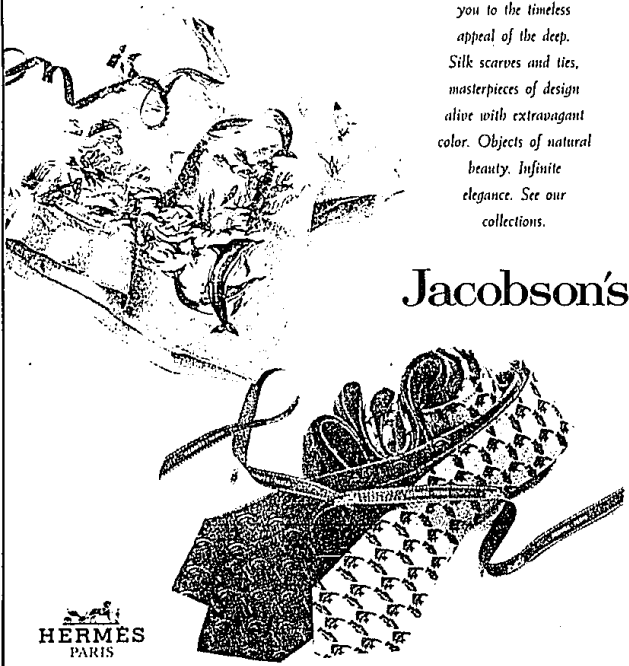
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The seminar was co-sponsored by the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association. Hales said the Lee family was one active in civic participation and had a "high respect for education" which made the seminar even more meaningful.

There, the teachers immersed themselves in the culture and flavor of Revolutionary America — one of Hales' favorite history subjects. The hands-on program included experiences with historians, architects, archaeologists, curators and horticulturists and hands-on things like farming with colonial-era tools.

Also included were discussions on historical contradictions, such as our country's freedom fighters being slave owners. The teachers are expected to bring what they learned back to their classrooms in an independent study project.

That won't be difficult for a teacher like Hales, who traditionally integrates subjects in his

**'When you walk out the door, life isn't isolated. Now you're doing the reading part of life, now you're doing the math part.'**

Dave Hales  
Hillside teacher

teaching.

For example, in a recent unit about Native Americans, students read fiction, learned firsthand about traditional foods and culture, then discussed how history of the Native Americans affects us today, including issues like the environment and race relations.

In learning about Alaska last year, 109 fifth graders tasted grilled salmon. Hales' students also have sampled venison, learned about lacrosse in gym

class and done traditional sand paintings.

Hales also brings into his classroom experiences from his own life. As a Northern Michigan native living in the woods of Cheboygan, Hales spent a lot of time outdoors. "I think I must have played out every adventure with my buddies," he said. "The woods — it was our time capsule."

His tip for good teaching is simple: "There's so much to cover. Just find out what they don't know and teach it to them," he said. "Education isn't something you do to somebody — it's something you do with them."

Hales can tell when he's made an impact on students. As they begin to link history with today, "my desk slowly gets piled up with things kids bring from home," he said.

"You live for this. You've taken their world and expanded it."

Scout gets God and Life Award

Boy Scout Troop 179 announced that one of its members, Rob Sanderson, received his God and Life Award at the Novi United Methodist Church on Nov. 22.

A medal was awarded to Sanderson by the Rev. Charles Jacobs. Along with Rob's family, scoutmaster Chuck Williams and troop chairman John Hovanessian at-

tended the presentation during Sunday's service.

Jacobs assisted Rob in designing a program of independent study, worship and service which Sanderson completed over a period of several months.

Sanderson joins John Hovanessian and Doug Volgt to become the third member in the history of the troop to receive this award.

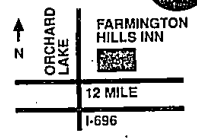
NEW VOICES

It's a boy! Christopher Thomas Wight, by name, and he was born Oct. 19, 1982, to Stuart and Heather Wight of Hanau, Germany. Heather Wight is a former Farmington Hills resident, and grandmother Sally Bayliss lives in Farmington Hills. The other grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wight of Spring, Texas.

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