

# Beauty comes to Farmington area, awards recognize hard work

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Farmington and Farmington Hills are becoming cities where businesses are increasingly judged on their aesthetic appearance.

And Pam's Shell, at 12 Mile and Halsted, is a prime example. It was selected as winner of the Keep Michigan Beautiful Award at the Farmington Hill's Beautification Awards Nov. 2.

"I was especially happy that it was one of our customers who nominated us for the award," said co-owner Pam Migliore. "It takes a lot of work to find the right flowers and I have to go to several nurseries. But the expense comes back a million times in the way customers appreciate what we're doing."

Pam's has changed the concept of what a gas station should look like. And it is not the only type of business to do so.

In Farmington, Our Lady of Sorrows Church was awarded the Mayor's Trophy, the beautification commission's highest award. People often tell Sister Chris Mihelcic that the grounds look like a park.

"It makes a picture perfect view," Mihelcic said.

Shrubs and a fountain were added to the grounds this year.

"Every year beautification awareness grows by leaps and

bounds," said Farmington Hills Beautification Commission Chairman Lincoln Avery.

Mayor Joanne Smith said that has increased the civic pride of both residents and businesses.

"It does impose an incentive for businesses to do more than what they ordinarily would have done," she said. "In London (England), every single plot of land has flowers. I think we are becoming more interested in that idea."

This year's Chamber of Commerce Award winner was the Gateway Office Building at 12 Mile and Farmington in Farmington Hills.

"When we foreclosed on the building 2 1/2 years ago, there was only a 28 percent occupancy," said Brett Peterson, property manager for Mutual of New York for this area. "It was in disrepair. We were able to convince our people in New York and Chicago to put some money into this and we're up to about 95 percent occupancy. This just caps it off."

The Chamber of Commerce Award in Farmington went to Heeney Sundquist Funeral Home. And the Holiday Awards for 1994 were given to Mrs. Lovill's Tea Room and Focal Point Studios.

Dave McCabe, of McCabe's Funeral Home, said more businesses are doing a better job of landscaping each year, at considerable expense.

"We won the first Chamber award," he said. "Every year the competition is tougher. We spend \$2,000 on tulip plantings this year. But it really makes a difference."

Attendance by award winners at the breakfast awards ceremony at the Farmington Hills Activities Center was good, with businesses, offices, apartments, schools, organizations, shopping centers, condominiums, subdivisions, places of worship, and public buildings being recognized.

Business and industry plaque winners were the Shell station at 31324 10 Mile, Bill Cook Buick, Corrosion Fluid Products Corp., Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills, Kiancy's of Farmington Hills, Radisson Hotel, the Mobil station at 37470 Grand River, Angelo's Supplies, the Grand River/Hagerty Shell, the Total station at 37471 12 Mile, Farmer John's Greenhouse, Ginopolis restaurant, McCabe Funeral Home, Pam's Shell station, Franklin Hills Country Club and Sinai Medical Center.

Office plaque winners were Brookfield Office Park, North Valley Office, Harry, Charlotte and Jerome Weintraub for 30390 Northwestern, MBI Life, Concord Center, Source One and the Gateway Building.

Apartment plaque winners were the Foxpointe Townhouses,

Spring Valley, Fairmont Park Indian Creek, Green Hill, Polo Club, Covington Club, Hunter's Ridge, station club, Muirwood and Country Ridge.

Visions Unlimited won for the Farmington Public Schools.

Organizations winning plaques included Friends of Heritage for Betty Frankel Memorial Bed, Hill and Dale Garden Club for Visitor Center at Heritage Park and for the Longacre House.

Shopping Centers winning plaques were Courtyard, Market Place and Hunters Square.

Condominiums winning plaques were Chestnut Ridge, Country Glens, Essex Club, Greenpointe at Coppercreek, Oxford Estates, River Pines, Sierra Pointe, Trillium, Pine Knolls, Golfview Pointe at Coppercreek and Ramblewood.

Subdivision entrances winning plaques were Copperwood East, Farmington Ridge and Greencastle.

St. Fabian Roman Catholic Church won for places of worship and Glen Oaks Country Park won in the public building category.

In Farmington, the beautification awards ceremonies were held recently at the Botaford Inn.

Overall visual appearance plaque winners went to Big Boy Restaurant, Burger King No. 609, Charlestown Condominiums, The Cherub's Chest, Colonial Car Wash, Dagwood's Deli, Dan's

Submarine Shop, Duquet Jewelers, First Baptist Church of Farmington, Focal Point Studio, Carl E. Gaiser Architect, Heeney Sundquist Funeral Home, Huron River Hunt/Fish Club and Jay-Cee Sales & River Inc.

Other winners of the visual appearance plaque awards in Farmington were Johnson Real Estate, LCC Federal Credit Union, Manco Auto Painting & Bodyworks, Marco's, Milo Properties, Mobil Station at Grand River and Drake, Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Peters and Wilhelms, Ram's Horn, Salem United Church of Christ, Shell Station at Grand River and Power, Shell Station at Grand River and Halsted, Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Three Oaks Furniture and Why USA.

Finl of Farmington won the Window Display plaque recognition. Planting plaque awards went to Books Abound, Executive Office Supply, Farmington Place Apartments, Jamestown Apartments, Kensington Manor Apartments and Midas Muffler and Brake Shop.

Renovations plaque awards went to Bell's Tailor & Alterations, Farmington Grand Plaza and M & J Properties.

Landscape maintenance plaque winners in Farmington went to Comerica, Farmington Tennis Club, Metropolitan National

Bank, Mobil Station at Eight Mile and Farmington, National Bank of Detroit, Dr. Roman Shlafer and Weather King Windows and Doors.

Overall Visual Appearance certificate winners in Farmington were Buyers, Buyers and Kilkarni, Clark Service Station, Robert C. Dornel, Frank's Nursery and Crafts, Fresh Approach, Nail Cottage and Plaza Veterinary Hospital.

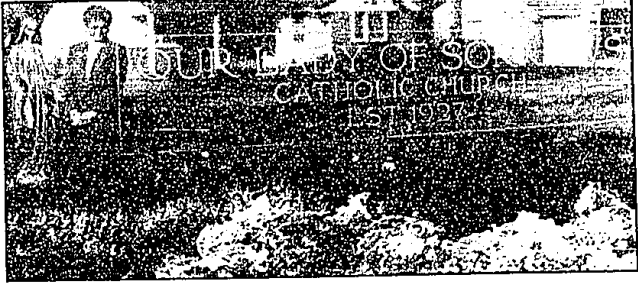
Plantings certificate winners were Apple Printing, Dimitri's of Farmington, D & W Oil, Farmington Oaks Apartments, Farmington Shoe Repair, First Federal of Michigan, Farmington West Apartments, Jax Car Wash, Lowen Chiropractic, Silverwood Appraisal and Investments, Springbrook Gardens Florist and Warren's Country Corner.

Window Display certificate winners in Farmington were Baker Street Draperies, Carousel Kids, Diamond Boutique, Francery One and Suzanne's Bridal.

Landscape Maintenance certificate awards were Arbor Drugs, Benner's Amoco, First of America Bank, First Nationwide Bank, H.R. Krueger Marketing, Dr. Eleizer Monge, Pinewood Condominiums, Dr. Raymond F. Schroeder, Subway Plaza and Valvoline Instant Oil Change.



Beauty and the tank: Darrell Marx and Pam Migliore were applauded for their efforts beautifying the Shell gas station at 12 Mile and Halsted.



Blessed beauty: Sister Chris Mihelcic is reflected in the Our Lady of Sorrows sign.

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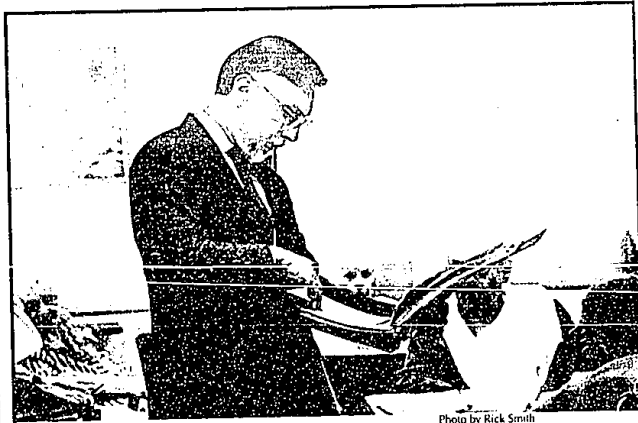
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