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of-mouth publicity about the gala, which was held for the first time last year.

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"There's just all sorts of people involved in the arts one way or another," Barber said.

"We tried to work out some way to include everybody," said Sara Woollard, chairwoman of the gala.

Before the festival began, the Artists in Residence and Student Arts Awards were held at the end of April and a community concert honoring senior citizens and disabled people was held the first weekend of May.

Thus the arts festival idea was born.

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Groups involved include the Farmington Area Arts Commission, the Farmington Area Philharmonic, the Farmington Artists Club, the Farmington Community Band, the Farmington Community Chorus, the Farmington Community Library, the Farmington Garden Club, the Farmington Historical Society, the Farmington Public Schools fine arts department, the Farmington Hills Embroiderers Guild of America, the Farm-

ington Hills Historical Commission, the Farmington Hills Special Services Department, the Hill and Dale Garden Club, the North Farmington Garden Club, Oakland Community College, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Ridgewriters, Sisters of Mercy, Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines, the Detroit Ballet, the Farmington Musicals, the Farmington Players and the Longacre House.

For information about becoming a Farmington Community Arts Council member or about the gala, please contact Sarah Woollard at (248)476-3256.



Signs of the times: Paul Barber, Robb Clarkson, Marvel Steiger, Jeff Zorn, Pam Schultes, Sara Woollard and Dixie Doerr display the big stack of signs promoting the Festival of the Arts.

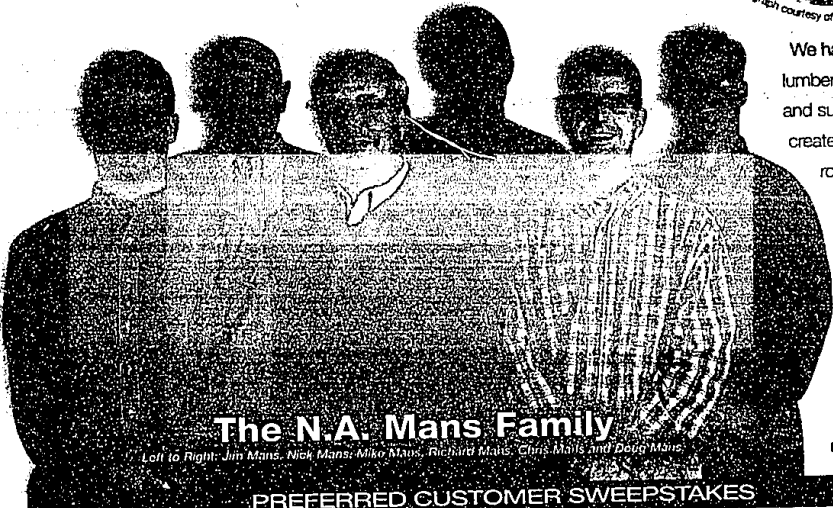
## Arts festival has lots for everyone

Here is a roundup of some of the events planned during the Festival of the Arts:

- Saturday, April 24:
  - 8 p.m. "Starry Night" gala
- Sunday, April 25:
  - 2 p.m. Arts Commission awards program
- Monday, April 26:
  - Noon, piano music with Ellen Kendall
  - 12:30 p.m. Ridgewriters poetry and story reading
  - 7 p.m. library award presentation
- Tuesday, April 27:
  - 10 a.m. Artists' and Embroiderers' clubs demonstrations and
  - 10:30 a.m. Dunckel Jazz Band.
- Wednesday, April 28:
  - 4:15 p.m. piano music with Ellen Kendall
  - 4:30 p.m. Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce mixer
  - 7 p.m. to be announced.
- Thursday, April 29:
  - 10 a.m. Farmington Artist Club demonstrations
  - 7 p.m. Farmington Community Band Flute Ensemble.
- Friday, April 30:
  - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. senior day
  - 11 a.m. Farmington Artist Club demonstrations,
  - 1:30 p.m. senior dance with Harrison High School jazz/dance band
  - 7 p.m. festival volunteer reception
  - 7:30 p.m. Detroit Ballet.
- Saturday, May 1:
  - 1-4 p.m. "Art in the Afternoon" library program featuring kindergartners through fifth-graders.
- Sunday, May 2:
  - 3 p.m. Farmington Community Band and Chorus with "That's Entertainment"
  - 5 p.m. Conclusion.

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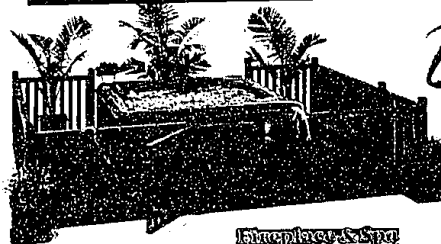
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