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## Artsy

### Show to help raise money for music.

By RICHARD PEARL  
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The music and storytelling of The Collecting Consort and the works of innovative acrylic artist Tom LeGault will be among the highlights of Saturday's ninth annual Winter Arts & Crafts Show by the North Farmington High School Band and Orchestra Boosters.

The Nov. 20 juried event, a major fund-raiser for NFHS' award-winning instrumental music program, will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the school, 32900 West 13 Mile Road. Admission is \$2 per person.

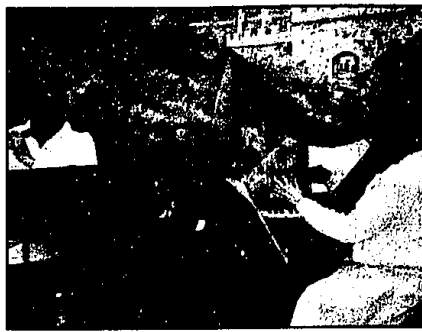
Over 100 artists and craftsmen from the Midwest will offer paintings, pottery, glasswork, jewelry, wood carvings, handmade clothing, photographs and other items for sale.

Proceeds from the show help fund music competitions, scholarships, band camps, instruments, instruction, supplies and other critical elements. Gary and Anne Wakenhut, who comprise The Collecting



**Artist at work:** Tom LeGault, a featured artist at the NFHS show this weekend, works on a new acrylic in his studio.

Consort, will perform an original montage, "Michigan's Heritage," which uses music, narration and sounds to portray the state's history in a simple, gently humorous style similar to that employed by European min-



**Stories and music:** The Collecting Consort, featuring Gary and Anne Wakenhut, will perform in Saturday's winter arts and crafts show benefiting the North Farmington High School band and orchestra programs.

strels. The duo, members of the Michigan Touring Arts Agency and the St. Cecilia Music Society of Grand Rapids, feature narratives and stories accompanied by Anne on the Celtic harp and Gary on the hammered dulcimer, whistle and wood and pan flutes. LeGault, who specializes in original acrylic paintings on triple prime-coated acrylic surfaces, says he is "intrigued with pushing extreme temperatures and humidity levels in a con-

trolled studio environment" in using various painting styles. He has employed realism, impressionism, abstraction and other styles in his 29 years as an artist.

LeGault studied at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and completed his formal training at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

Parking at the show is free and lunch will be available. For more information, call Sue Leon at (734) 553-6899.

## FARMINGTON BUSINESS SCENE

### New staff and promotions

Grace & Wild Digital Studios in Farmington Hills announces the following promotions and new staff members:

New Hire: Jan Klann, business coordinator; Brian Mitchell, timer; Lee "Chik" Gochinski, videographer; Ted Rockett and Brian Boycombe, account executives.

Promotions: Ken Smith, account executive/ broadcast media; Chris Lassaline, production coordinator.

### Commission Express

George Meyer and Julie Bruning have opened a Commission Express office in the Quakerstown Office Complex at 27800 Farmington Road. Meyer has been a resident of Oakland

County for over 25 years and previously worked for Digital Equipment Corp. after retiring from IBM. Commission Express is a new business concept that exclusively serves the real estate industry.

The Farmington Hills office is the first Commission Express franchise to open in Michigan and the 14th location nationwide.

### Republic appoints staff

Boys and Girls Republic, a residential treatment center for adolescents in Farmington Hills, recently announced two staff appointments:

Gregory Chapman has been promoted to the newly created position of assistant executive director. Karen Olson Manners, Ph.D., has been appointed the new clinical director.

## Bring the family to kick off holiday season

Bring the whole family and help the city of Farmington and the Farmington Area Jaycees get ready for the joyous Christmas season with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Warner Mansion in downtown

Farmington. Hot chocolate will be available along with a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

A new event will be added to this year's festivities. Farmington area children can submit their most creative homemade ornament to hang on the tree.

The top three submissions will be awarded gift certificates from Toys R Us. 1st prize will be \$50 and 2nd and 3rd prize will be \$25.

Ornaments will be judged and hung on the tree before the lighting, so please have them at the Warner Mansion gazebo by 6

p.m. Admission is free, but the Jaycees do ask that you bring any canned goods that you can spare for a donation to the Farmington Neighborhood House. The Jaycees will also hold a bake sale during the festivities. Call 477-JCCB.

### Pet Lovers...

Have your pet's picture taken with Santa Claus at Livonia Mall!

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