

Color their world

They transform chairs into 'art'

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Take some rough-around-the-edges furniture, add artistic license and voila. On display in the media center at Farmington High School is the finished product, 22 chairs recently painted by FHS art students. Each student in the Drawing and Painting II class patterned their work after that of a favorite artistic influence. "I think it's great," said FHS art class teacher Nina Weis about the chairs, which were the product of weeks of effort. "The students are really so proud of their chairs. They've been well received."

Weis said she gave students the assignment and guidelines, and then pretty much left the rest up to them. Each student was asked to select a famous artist, such as Salvador Dali or Monet, learn about the artist's painting style and incorporate that style into his or her chair painting. Students could blend a personal "twist" or "themo" into the imagery, while maintaining attention to aspects such as color, composition and style.

"They put in a lot of hours" to accomplish the task, Weis said. She added that FHS parent Denise Sutphen, who works as a

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furniture restorer, provided a big assist to the project by volunteering her time to help students get their chairs ready for painting.

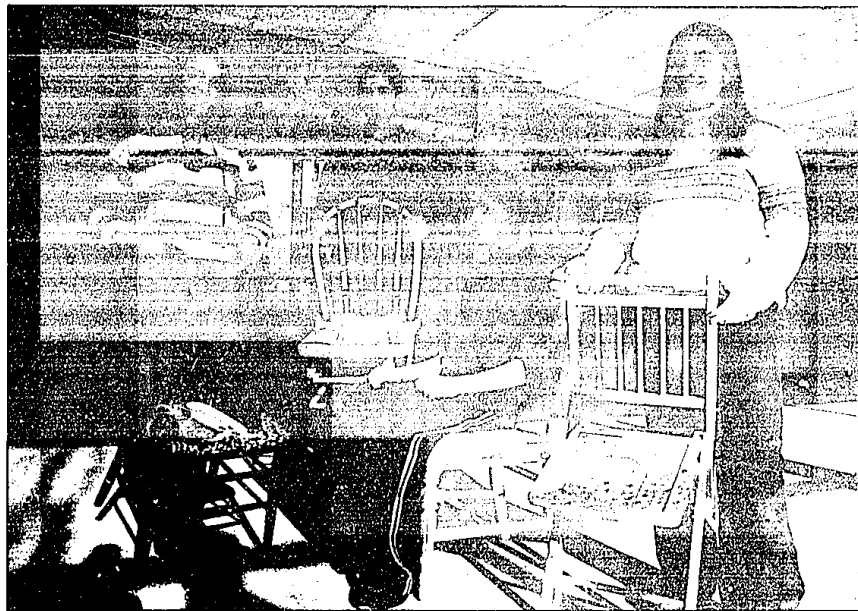
Chairs either were donated or purchased from the Salvation Army.

"Some were rougher than others," said Weis, noting that the chairs needed to be sanded.

Weis said the chair-painting project was so successful that it likely would be reprised by another art class during the second semester.

Following is a list of the students who participated in the first semester class, with, in parenthesis, the inspirational artist of choice:

Andrea Abbate (Marc Chagall); Patrick Adams (Salvador Dali); Adam Barzatt (Barnett Newman); John Boychuk (Jackson Pollock); Stephanie Chamberlin (Claude Monet); Antoine Clark (Piet Mondrian); Andrew Czaplicki (Rene Magritte); Robert Eastarday (M.C. Escher); Heather Froman (Chuck Close); Phil Lubliner (Keith Haring);



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influenced by their art: Students at Farmington High School painted discarded chairs utilizing the influence of a famous artist. From left to right: Krista Peckham with a Gustav Klimt design, Phil Lubliner influenced by Keith Haring, Andrew Czaplicki is seated on a Rene Magritte-influenced chair and Heather Froman with her Chuck Close-inspired design.

Megan Madaffer (Paul Klee); Krista Peckham (Gustav Klimt); Kandinsky; Sarah Sikora (Jonn Lichtenstein); Anke Wichardt (Edvard Munch); Katy Murphy (Paul Cezanne); Brandon Schneider (Wassily Mitchell); Dan Turkovich (Roy

Marx names exec

Don Tanner has been promoted to vice president at Marx Layne & Company, a Farmington Hills-based marketing and public relations firm. Tanner is part of a management team responsible for supervising account staff, facilitating strategic planning, implementing operational initiatives and managing organizational development.

New partner

The staff at Davis Counseling Center in Farmington Hills announces that Antonia Caretto, Ph.D. has recently become a partner.

AirTouch names manager

Farmington Hills resident Michelle Gilbert has been named public relations manager for AirTouch Cellular's Eastern Region. In her new role, Gilbert is responsible for managing the company's public relations department.

Quality engineer

Karl Loehr has been named quality manufacturing engineer for Ekstrom Industries, Inc. of Farmington Hills. Loehr joined Ekstrom in 1986. His new position will include project engineering of programs, products and systems, overseeing test facilities and operations.

New account exec

Jason Brown has been promoted to account executive at Farmington Hills-based Marx Layne & Company, a full-service marketing and public relations agency. In his new position, Brown will design and implement various public relations programs for several of the agency's clients.

Lear appoints president

Lear Corporation has appointed Jim Corner of Farmington Hills as president of North American Venture Operations. Corner joined Lear in 1987 as director of quality assurance.

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The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus presents "Creating Healthy Relationships," a support group beginning Thursday, March 9.

Pertner, parent-child, family and work relationships will be addressed. The six-week program meets in the campus' J Building, Room 308, from 8:30-9 p.m. Cost is \$40 and the public is invited.

For further information on this and other program offerings, call the Womencenter at (313) 471-7602.

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