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Chair: Alice Nichols' second place painting, "Rest Time."

## New feature debuts

Calling all churches, temples, synagogues and other places of worship. We want to know a little bit about your history to spread the word throughout the community. Please use the coupon below. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

### Spreading the word

**Editors note:** In the coming months, we will highlight the many religious institutions in Farmington and Farmington Hills. The following form will be of help when supplying us with your information. Please be sure to include a contact name and phone number.

- Name of religious institution:
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#### Please mail your information to:

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If you have any questions, please call Mary at (248) 477-5450.

## Jury night for Farmington artists



First place: Winner Elizabeth Sylvester and "Life Supports."

Mary Brecht Stephenson juried the Farmington Artists Club work last week at the Costick Center.

Stephenson has shown her work in numerous exhibitions and has done writing and research for the Smithsonian Institute, the New Art Examiner and Detroit Focus Quarterly. She has lectured and juried in the past.

Farmington Artist Club members are from throughout the metro Detroit area. They work in a wide variety of media - watercolor, acrylic, pastel, colored pencil, mixed media and collage.

The Farmington Artist Club spring exhibit and sale will be held Sunday April 30 to May 7 at the Costick Activities Center in conjunction with the Farmington Festival of the Arts. The center is at 28600 Eleven Mile Road.

Hours are: Sunday, April 30, 2-5 p.m.; Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Starry Night gala opens Arts Festival



The third annual Festival of the Arts Gala called "Starry Night" with silent and live auctions presented by The Farmington Community Arts Council is slated for Saturday, April 29, at the William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

The event will be staged from 6:30-11 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, or \$35 per couple and includes a gourmet dinner buffet.

Guest artists will be The Matt Michaels Trio.

The Farmington Community Arts Council mission is to present a unified voice to explore needs, foster communication and promote activities of art and culture.

For information, call 478-3256. Black tie is optional for the opening gala.



Third place: Nancy D. Hurd's "Girl With Shawl."

## Salem United Church celebrates 125 years

Salom United Church of Christ on Oakland Ave. is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

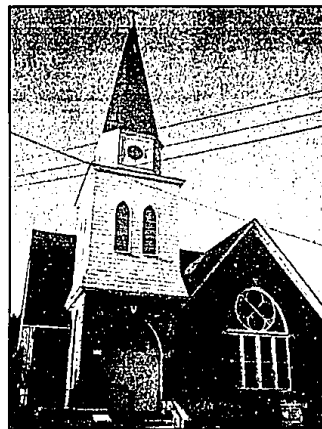
"The congregation began in 1875 in Clarencville. All the records are in German," said the Rev. John Maki.

The congregation was founded by the German Evangelical Church - half Lutheran and half Reformed, or Calvinist, according to Rev. Maki.

"We're a more liberal congregation," he noted.

The current church building was completed in 1902. It's located behind the Masonic Temple in downtown Farmington. The original church was on Eight Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster where the Clarencville Cemetery is located now.

There are 180 families in the congregation. Special anniversary events include a band concert/ice cream social, youth fellowship spaghetti dinner and a songfest in October.



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Marking 125 years: Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. Several activities are being planned to mark the occasion.

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