

Art in Corridor series features photography

Art in the Corridor will hold its summer grand opening on June 19 in Farmington Hills City Hall. This season's featured artist, Wally Palazzolo, combines his love of the outdoors with his photographic talent.

A "Meet the Artist" reception will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on June 19 at Farmington Hills City Hall, Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile Roads. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

"I love to photograph the scenes that put me at ease," Palazzolo says. "The soft light of dawn and dusk, the mystery of a foggy landscape - the small details that are often overlooked because our lives are so fast-paced."

A native of Detroit and a graduate of Wayne State University, Palazzolo first developed an interest in photography in 1978 when he bought his first Nikon. He describes his first efforts at photography as frustrating, but later, as a student of renowned photographer Monte Nagler, he

developed his skills and a preference for capturing nature scenes.

During the past 10 years, Palazzolo's photographs have won awards and been featured in the Powertrain Operations Engine Engineering Building of Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

He has also been the featured artist on "The Dickerman Showcase" program on Cable Channel 8.

All prints displayed at the Farmington Hills and Farmington city halls will be available for purchase. The Art in the Corridor exhibit is open every day during normal city hall business hours.

The exhibits are sponsored by the Farmington Area Arts Commission and facilitated by the Farmington Hills Special Services Department, as part of a joint effort to celebrate the quality artistic offerings available in the Farmington area.

For more information, contact Nancy Coumoudouris, Cultural Arts Coordinator, at (248) 473-1856.



Her turn: Dana Weimar of Longacre Elementary School Girl Scout Troop 3368 fills one of the bird feeders at the "Kids World" playscape at Shiawassee Park. Since October, each of the troop's 16 members has been responsible for filling the feeders over a two-week period.

Girl Scouts keep park bird feeders full with store's help

A Farmington Girl Scout troop learned all about birds and responsibility during a seven-month community service project that recently concluded, and they have a Novi businessman to thank for it.

In October, John Mieczek, owner of Novi-based Backyard Birds Nature & Garden Store, visited a meeting of Longacre Girl Scout Troop 3368 to teach the youngsters about birds.

Mieczek, who had been filling bird feeders at the new "Kids World" playscape at Shiawassee Park, asked troop leader April Saari, co-leader Pat Smith and the troop if they would be interested in taking over that job.

The girls enthusiastically accepted the challenge. Since then, each of Troop 3368's 16 members was responsible over a two-week period for filling the feeders, with bird seed donated by Backyard Birds.

Keeping a journal

They also kept a journal of all the different kinds of birds they encountered, with the help of a

They were able to learn about responsibility, giving back to the community and learning about nature.'

*Pat Smith
—troop co-leader*

bird identification book provided by Mieczek.

The members of the troop are as follows: Stephanie Birrell, Jillian Brown, Colleen Budd, Kerry Greaves, Erin Matthey, Emma McCarthy, and Whitney Parker.

Other troop members include Sarah Rollins, Danielle Roma, Page Saari, Laura Sholly, Kate Smith, Ali Trimmer, Allison Vial, Dana Weimar and Jessica Williams.

"They were able to learn about responsibility, giving back to the community and learning about nature," said Pat Smith.

Farmington club's garden walk promises variety

The Farmington Garden Club will host a garden walk on Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning at the Spicer House center in Heritage Park.

The walk will showcase six gardens. This year the tour features a variety of sun drenched and shaded properties, such as a backyard wildlife habitat. There's also a chance to see a two story backyard playhouse.

The tour provides a great way to see new ideas to enhance your garden. Garden related items will be available in the park visitor's center, west of Farmington

Road between Ten and Eleven Mile. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets will be available the day of the event at the visitor's center for \$7. Or tickets can be bought in advance at the Vines Flower/Garden Shop at 30560 Grand River; Schroeter's Flowers at 29216 Orchard Lake Road; Springbrook Gardens at 23614 Power Road; Steinkopf Nursery at 20316 Farmington Road; Farmington Florists at 23340 Farmington Road; and Hearts and Flowers at 33238 Twelve Mile.

Drivers needed

Homebound seniors in Farmington, and Farmington Hills need your help.

The Meals on Wheels program needs volunteers to deliver meals. The commitment required is two hours a week. Deliveries are Monday to Saturday.

Any 18-year-old person with a valid drivers license is welcome. Call the Farmington Hills senior adult nutrition program at 473-1825 or 473-1867.

Nursing home reform group to meet June 22

Marilyn Schmidt and Evelyn Zeidman of the Universal Health Care Action Network will speak on "Universal Health Care: What It Is and How It Would Affect Nursing Home Residents" at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at Southfield Presbyterian Church.

This is a general membership meeting of Michigan Campaign for Quality Care, Oakland County branch, a consumer watchdog

group over the nursing home industry.

The church is at 21675 W. 10 Mile, east of Lahser. Parking and entrance are in the back.

More than 44 million people in the United States don't have health insurance. The speakers will explain how universal health care would work for U.S. citizens, including nursing home

residents.

The meeting will also address a package of nursing home bills that the Michigan House of Representatives has passed.

Michigan Campaign for Quality Care, Oakland County branch, meets the fourth Thursday of each month.

For additional information, call 478-7293.

no place but
Service
MERCHANDISE
AMERICA'S LEADING JEWELERS

THE \$200 MILLION DOLLAR INVENTORY SELLOFF!

PRICES JUST SLASHED!

DEPT. CLOSEOUT
TV'S, VCR'S, CAMCORDERS DVD PLAYERS AND DIGITAL SATELLITE SYSTEMS

NOW **25% OFF**

Choose from brands like Sony, JVC, Panasonic, Sharp, Philips Magnavox and more!

DEPT. CLOSEOUT
All Discontinued Audio Boom Boxes, Portable CD Players, Shelf Systems, Components, Speakers and Musical Keyboards
NOW **30% OFF**

(Choose from brands like • Aiwa • Sony • JVC • Panasonic • Kenwood • Pioneer • Yamaha)

DEPT. CLOSEOUT
ALL TELEPHONES AND ANSWERING MACHINES

NOW **20% OFF**

(CHOOSE FROM BRANDS LIKE UNIDEN • SONY • PANASONIC • VTECH • AT&T)

DEPT. CLOSEOUT
ALL BEDROOM, ENTERTAINMENT & HOME OFFICE FURNITURE

NOW **30% OFF**

DEPT. CLOSEOUT
ALL TOYS UP TO 60% OFF

For Store Locations Call **1-800-JEWELRY**
For the Store Nearest You
www.servicemerchandise.com

Crawfish Fest

Michigan State Fairgrounds & Exposition Center, Detroit, Michigan
Gates Open 11am
Show Noon - 8:30 pm

JUNE 25

the music
Marcia Ball
Grand Oldies and French Rockin' Group
Headlined after Michael Doucet
John Money and Bluegrass

It Cooks!
MediaOne
CD/DRQ
THE 103.1FM
CIVIEW
LOUISIANA RADIO CO.
ALL INFORMATION AS OF THE TOP

MICHIGAN CHRONICLE
the food
4,000 pounds of boiled crawfish
Crawfish Head • Fried Myster Sausage
Jambalaya • Fried Catfish • Shrimp Po Boys • Crawfish Pie and much more.
All dishes - \$8 or less.

A FREE TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS
at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at Southfield Presbyterian Church.
www.crawfishfest.com

Call Bryant
on the phone

Spring HEATING & COOLING SPECIALS FROM KAST!

FREE ESTIMATES

- 10 S.E.E.R.
- Top Rated
- Quality Construction
- Five Year Parts/Labor
- 80% Efficient
- A/C Prepped
- Electronic Ignition
- Multi-Speed Blower
- Five Year Parts/Labor

FROM **\$1,595.00** FROM **\$1,595.00**

COUPON: Receive one FREE with the purchase of an Air conditioner
Ask About Our Maintenance Plan

COUPON: Air conditioner or Furnace Clean & Check
79.99

KAST Heating & Cooling
A Blue Dot Service Co.
AC • Heating • Plumbing • and more

PONTIAC BLOOMFIELD 248-338-6666
ROYAL OAK 248-542-3850