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offers plenty to do apart from the usual hands-on children's activities, which can also be found in the park. A free flower day for seniors is scheduled 1-5 p.m. Thursday.

"I think it's important to get visitors involved," said Coumoundouros. "We'll have people like Charlie Chaplin in costume roaming around, a living statue completely covered with white that hardly ever moves (Friday and Saturday), Jeremy Kattel, the 2000 Scottish Champion fiddler, flutist Nancy Holtzman, and harpist D.L. Turner. You can also watch artists' demonstrations.

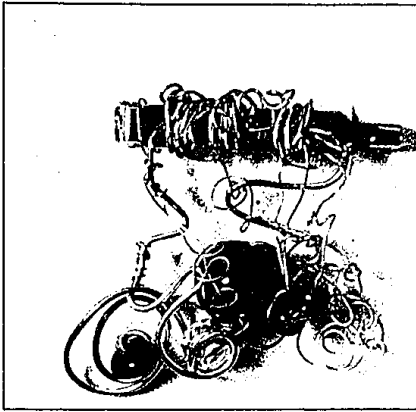
"It's an interactive art fair not just coming out and buying," said Coumoundouros. "It's visual and auditory art work and it's in the Farmington area. There's so many artists in the area and the Farmington Artists Club."

Jim Patterson exhibited his work at the Founders Festival last year when crafts were included with fine art. He's happy Art on the Grand will show only juried paintings, jewelry, pottery, photography, glass, and pencil drawings. Patterson, a West Bloomfield artist, will show landscapes, historical architecture including the Warner mansion gazebo, and work painted outdoors. He and the 14 other Farmington Artists Club members exhibit watercolor as well as oil and pastel, framed and unframed.

"We had eight artists last year and did very well," said Patterson who will have a one person show in January at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery. "We enjoyed it. There was a lot of traffic."

## Village Artists Studio

Traffic is one of the reasons Kay Rowe and members of the Village Artists Studio exhibit their work at the Plymouth Coffee Bean. Customers frequent the shop, sit and talk, and look at their art on the walls of the Green Room. Once a year, all of the art is removed from all of the rooms, and the Village Artists Studio fills the coffee shop with



Precious metal: Josephine Page brings her jewelry to Art on the Grand in Farmington.

their paintings. This year 20 artists from the studio, including Rowe, will primarily show watercolor with a few pen and ink pieces thrown in for good measure.

"It's like a gallery. It changes the whole atmosphere," said Rowe.

This is sixth year classes have met 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Friday at the Village Artists Studio on Davis in Plymouth. Although Rowe also teaches out of her Canton home where she uses her pet llamas to inspire students.

"They just keep getting better and better," said Rowe. "I stress an individual approach. I attempt to help each student develop their own style while painting subject matter that they want to paint. The advantage to working with a group is you get a lot of support from the other artists."

Not to be missed is Livonia artist Pam Grossmann's Victorian Still Life with its delicate

color and lace. It's apparent by looking at the watercolor that Grossmann, an art instructor at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, is skilled in drawing.

"We mainly stress watercolor techniques but once a month meet before class for a drawing session because drawing is the foundation for painting," said Rowe. "People who don't have drawing skills are at a disadvantage."

But come out and meet the artists and see the level of accomplishment for yourself at a reception 7-9 p.m. Friday. Then come back for the painting demonstrations 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, and see how they do it.

Then head over to Art on the Grand in Farmington and spend the rest of the weekend in the park.

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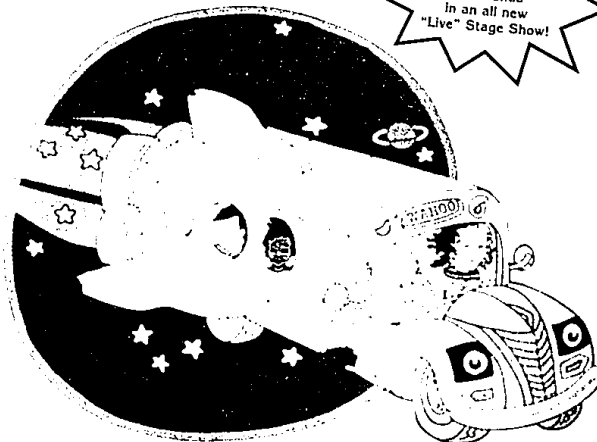


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