

# SWOCC pros offer advice for vacation videotaping

How many of you have returned from an exciting, eye-opening, jaw-dropping vacation, and want to share and relive it on videotape — only to find that when you pop in your tape, your picture makes you seasick or just plain bored.

Well, the professional video production team at SWOCC Studios has a few tips for your next vacation home video:

1. **You want to zoom in with your feet, not your camera.** If you are constantly zooming in at every scene it can be annoying and distracting for the viewers. You want to adjust the lens before filming to give the viewers a more dramatic result. If you want to get closer, we suggest simply walking closer.

2. **Keep shots short.** Overshooting a scene can be boring. The eye wants a new scene every 10-15 seconds. So stop your camera and find

## CABLE CONNECTION

another shot then begin shooting again.

3. **Don't get the jitters.** If your camera has a steady feature built into it, use it. The jittery your camera the more chances are the viewers will be quick to turn it off from motion sickness. Use a tripod or rest your camera on a table top or chair.

4. **Use different angles.** The use of different angles creates greater interest for the viewer. Don't be afraid to get in and capture the emotion that is conveyed. The typical approach to take is to start with an opening wide shot then move in to a medium shot then get close for the close up.

5. **Be heard.** Audio is the weakest part of video. If you

can't hear the action when you're shooting video, then you're probably not close enough. Most microphones are mounted on top of the camera. The best way to record audio is to move closer to the object and zoom out wide. To hear the best level of sound we recommend headphones.

So there you have it, tips for all you amateur movie makers out there practicing on your home video cameras. Whether it's a romantic cruise or a white water rafting adventure, these tips can help anywhere, anytime.

Melissa Cobb is the Public Access Coordinator of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC). The next CAC meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the new SWOCC building. The next SWOCC meeting is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4 at the City of Farmington Hills.

# Deadline for Michigan Tuition Grant applications almost here

Students planning on attending a private college this fall will have time — albeit limited — to apply for the Michigan Tuition Grant program, according to officials at Baker College of Auburn Hills.

"It's not too late to apply for financial aid to attend a private college this fall," said Jeff Love, the college's president.

"One good opportunity is the Michigan Tuition Grant and there's still time to apply."

Students have until Aug. 30 to apply for the state-funded Michigan Tuition Grant

Program. The program provides grants up to \$2,750 per year for students pursuing a degree at one of Michigan's private colleges. Unlike a student loan, the Michigan Tuition Grant does not have to be paid back.

Additional grant programs may still be available to incoming students after the Aug. 30 deadline, especially at colleges like Baker that have later start dates or rolling admissions policies.

"Because Baker's fall quarter doesn't start until Sept. 23, stu-

dents still have time to look into a variety of financial assistance options," Love said. "In addition, many school-funded programs like the Robert Jewell Scholarship at Baker College are still available."

Baker's admissions department can provide more information about the Michigan Tuition Assistance Grant and other financial assistance programs.

For more information about the Michigan Tuition Assistance Grant, call (248) 340-0600.

# Youth Assistance seeks board members

Farmington Youth Assistance is looking for people interested in improving the lives of the youth in the Farmington/Farmington Hills school district.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Board of Directors for Farmington Youth Assistance. Board members are involved in enrichment pro-

grams, which include Parent Education, Mentors P.L.U.S., tutoring and Youth Leadership.

Responsibilities include monthly board meetings, and the planning and implementing of programs.

Anyone who might be interested is asked to attend the next

board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19 at the Farmington Training Center, located north of Farmington Road between School and Warner Street.

A light supper will be served. To RSVP please call Dana at (248) 489-3434 by Monday, Sept. 16.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (248) 477-9722 or write: Religion Calendar, Farmington Observer, 3341 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Family Festival

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills will host a Family Fall Festival beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. Events will include Sunday School, outdoor worship service, lunch and other fun activities. The church is located at 28000 New Market Road. Call (248) 553-3380.

#### Welcoming Day

Welcoming Day, Hardin Park's annual fall kick-off event, will be held after 11 a.m. services on Sunday, Sept. 8. All are invited to celebrate this ministry fair, with each display offering a food related to their group's activities. Hardin Park United Methodist Church is located at 29887 W. 11 Mile. Call (248) 476-8660.

#### Fall Festival

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington will host a fall festival beginning at noon on Sunday, Sept. 15. The day will include lawn games, a barbecue picnic, face painting for kids, and more. For more information, call the church at (248) 476-6170. The church is located at 11 Mile and Farmington Road. All are welcome.

#### Building Dedication

The Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills, 29200 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills, will be dedicating its building Sept. 15 beginning with services at 10:30 a.m., entertainment and refreshments 11 a.m. and the building dedication at 5 p.m. The church has been in residence for one year, renovating the previous Children's World structure, and are now opening the doors to the public.

#### Aqlo

Aqlo International, a community lighthouse for women, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9 at the Best Western Executive Hotel in Farmington Hills. To RSVP call (248) 476-1053.

### SEPT. 11 SERVICES

#### Hardin Park

Hardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills will observe Sept. 11 with a service of remembrance 12:45-1:45 p.m., and a community candlelight vigil at 7:30 p.m. at Farmington High School. The church sanctuary will also be open all day for prayer. The church is located at 29887 W. 11 Mile.

#### Jewish Community Center

The Jewish Community Center at 6680 W. Maple Road in West Bloomfield will begin observance of Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. with a variety of special presentations including a special presentation to the West Bloomfield Police and Fire Departments.

#### St. Clare of Assisi

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Farmington Hills will hold a Sept. 11 memorial service 7:30 p.m. with prayers, scripture readings and music. The church is located at 29200 W. 10 Mile. The church will also be open during the day for personal prayer. (248) 477-5065

#### St. Fabian

St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills will host an eucharistical prayer service 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11. The church is located at 32200 W. 12 Mile Road.

#### Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will hold a candlelight remembrance and memorial service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. Prince of Peace is located at 28000 New Market Road in Farmington Hills.

#### North Congregational

North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills will hold prayer and remembrance services 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 11. The church is located at 36520 12 Mile.

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### Antioch Lutheran Church

Antioch Lutheran Church returns to its regular Sunday worship services beginning Sept. 8. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for youth and adults at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service called Praise Forth is held every fourth Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. The church is at 33360 W. 13 Mile Road, corner of Farmington Road. (248) 626-7906.

### ONGOING

#### Widow/Widower Support

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Parish offices, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at ages 4-11. (248) 348-0115.

#### Marriage Encounter

Weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills and renew their love, Friday-Sunday, June 28-30 and Sept. 20-22 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Registration \$50. call Bill & Carol. (248) 528-2512 or Dore & Debbie (800) 286-5524 or visit [www.fed.net/detroit/wmwe](http://www.fed.net/detroit/wmwe)

### PRESCHOOL

#### Antioch Lutheran Church

Offers Christian-based preschool for children age 3 and 4 and is now accepting registrations. Credentials staff, small class sizes are offered at the church on the corner of 13 Mile Road at Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. (248) 626-7906.

# Oil artist exhibits at Costick Center

An exhibit of flower paintings in oil by May Ying Lee will be on display at the City Gallery in the Costick Center, now through Oct. 1.

Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and during special events. The Costick Center is located at 28600 W. 11 Mile Road

between Middlebelt and Inkster. The exhibit displays a complementary mix of plum blossoms, peonies, bamboo, irises and water lilies creatively and delicately brushed onto canvas.

Artist May Ying Lee was born and raised in China where she learned the ancient art of "Soi, Choi See" — painting watercolors

on silk. She has now expanded her medium to include oil paintings on canvas. Lee is noted for her unique artistic brush strokes in a free-hand style, encompassing a variety of colors in one stroke of the brush. She has exhibited in Honolulu, San Francisco, Boston, New York, and Puerto Rico.

## MASKS

FROM PAGE C4

WOMC; Sonny Eliot, WWJ; Carmen Harlan, WDIV; actor Tim Allen; community leader Peter Karmanos of Computware; eight artists from Cpop Gallery in Detroit; and Hospice of Michigan sponsors Plunkett & Cooney and Fifth Third Bank.

"For the first mask that I created for Fifth Third Bank, I painted only perennial flowers because the memories are always there, which I thought was a nice theme for Hospice of Michigan," said Janeyve Knight, a human resources consultant at Fifth Third Bank in Southfield and a West Bloomfield resident.

Knight, whose paintings are featured in many private collections across the country, also painted the mask of Dave Bing of Bing Steel.

"I chose a tattoo-themed mask because it represents a facade for our life," said Cpop artist Julie Fournier. "People are always trying to put on a tough face, which many of the brave Hospice patients have to do."

The Mask Project 2 Online Auction begins on eBay Sept. 10. From Sept. 10-20, masks from newsmakers and the community will be featured. Entertainers and masks representing various groups and organizations will be sold from Sept. 17-27. Sports, colleges and universities go up for auction Sept. 24-Oct. 4. Political and Armed Forces will be group #4, during Oct. 1-11. Artists, authors and sponsor masks will be sold Oct. 8-18. And the "Best of" will conclude the eBay bidding from Oct. 15-25.

For those wishing to attend the Masquerade ball on Oct. 26 at the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, call (616)



PHOTO BY RICK SANTAVETTER/CEC

Barbara and Paul Czamanske, who is on the Hospice of Michigan Southeast Regional Board, of Bloomfield Hills, enjoy the event.

356-5256. Tickets are \$150 each. Hospice of Michigan Board Chair and Mask Project 2 Steering Committee Chair, June Hamersma, says that their goal is to raise \$500,000 from cash and in-kind support from this year-long project. "They're well on their way."

# WoodWorks 2002

More than a woodworking show,  
It's an Event!

Once a Year Discounts on Tools & Equipment & Fun for Everyone

**NOVI EXPO CENTER**  
**September 27, 28, 29**  
Fri 1-7 ♦ Sat 10-6 ♦ Sun 10-4

♦ Make-a-Memory Workshop for Kids

♦ Charity-Fun Raising

♦ Free Demonstrations

♦ Exhibition Gallery

♦ Family Friendly

[www.woodworks2002.com](http://www.woodworks2002.com)

call toll-free 877-967-4480

Thanks to  
Our Sponsors

Popular  
**Woodworking**  
MAGAZINE

Observer & Eccentric  
MAGAZINE

**SUNDAY is  
Discount Day**

**\$20**

Admits Entire Family

**\$2.00 Off**

THE \$10 GENERAL ADMISSION  
PRICE WITH THIS AD.

NOT VALID WITH ANY  
OTHER DISCOUNTS

## Divorce Recovery Workshop Schedule

September 12 -  
October 24, 7-9:30PM  
Topics To Be Covered

Session 1 - Sept. 12, 2002  
A New Identity is this really  
happening to me?

Session 2 - Sept. 19, 2002  
Getting My Ex In Focus I  
A relationship reality that continues  
to exist

Session 3 - Sept. 26, 2002  
Assessing Responsibility  
Planning for yourself and your future

Session 4 - Oct. 3, 2002  
Finding and Experiencing Forgiveness  
Freeing yourself from bitterness and anger

Session 5 - Oct. 10, 2002  
Being a single Parent  
For those without children-Dick Boat

Session 6 - Oct. 17, 2002  
Building New Relationships  
Co-dependency and dating again

Session 7 - Oct. 24, 2002  
Letting Go

## Divorce Recovery Workshops

A Seminar of  
Help for the Divorced

Presented by Single Point Ministries



WARD  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

40000 Six Mile Road  
(Just West of Haggerty Rd.)  
Northville, MI 48167

**248-374-5912**