

Arts awards nominees sought

The Farmington Area Arts Commission is accepting nominations for the 28th annual Artist-In-Residence and Distinguished Service to the Arts awards for 2003, recognizing dedication, service and excellence in the arts in the Farmington community.

Each year since 1976, the Farmington Area Arts Commission has recognized the talent and achievements of local individuals and groups by selecting honorees from nominated candidates in the creative arts.

The Artist-In-Residence Award recognizes the talent and accomplishments of an individual artist who resides in Farmington or Farmington Hills with a cash award, plaque and a special reception in their honor as part of the annual Festival of the Arts Celebration April 26-May 4 at the William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

The Distinguished Service to

the Arts Award recognizes outstanding service to community in the creative arts.

Groups or individuals may receive this award for support, promotion, management or teaching of the arts and are also honored with a cash award and plaque at the Artist-In-Residence reception.

Last year's Artist-In-Residence was Farmington Hills sculptor Bernadette Zachara-Marcos. Fern Barber of the Farmington Area Arts Commission was honored with the award for Distinguished Service to the Arts.

Anyone can nominate a deserving Farmington or Farmington Hills musician, writer, art or music teacher, vocalist, dancer, painter, photographer, sculptor, actor or filmmaker for these awards and previously-nominated candidates are also encouraged to re-apply.

An entry form can be obtained at the Farmington or

Farmington Hills city hall, libraries, William Costick Activities Center and Millers Artist Supplies.

Copies of the form, a cover letter and a list of previous Artist-In-Residence are also available as files to download at www.homepage.mac.com/liafilm/ART.

For more information contact the Cultural Arts Department at (248) 473-1856 or e-mail Jim Liska, 2003 Artist-In-Residence Committee Chairman at LiskaJim@mac.com.

All applications must be received by March 24. Performing artists should submit a video tape, audio cassette or CD for consideration. Send or deliver your materials to: Farmington Area Arts Commission, Artist-In-Residence Committee, William M. Costick Activities Center, Cultural Arts Division, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

Single Mingle Dances
Metropolitan Single Professionals hold Single Mingle dances on Friday nights throughout the month. Call (248) 851-9909 for times and locations.

SM/Dance Party
Enjoy skiing, dancing and more 6 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at Mt. Brighton.

Tennis Club Party
Tennis players of all skill levels are welcome to enjoy an evening of fun, exercise and buffet dinner 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Farmington Tennis Club, 22777 Farmington Road. Call (248) 851-9909.

Punta Cana Trip
Farmington Single Professionals will hold a pre-trip meeting for Punta Cana at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at Drakehire Lanes in Farmington Hills. The trip is scheduled March 15-22. Call (248) 851-9909.

Darts/Bowling Subs
Subs are needed for for MSP dart and bowling leagues. For more information call (248) 851-9909.

Book Discussion Group
MSP's book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each

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month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20 percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

Volleyball
Drop in and play volleyball 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the gym and fieldhouse at Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quaton Road.

Esche
MSPs play esche 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday at the Brass Point Inn in Farmington Hills.

Social and Travel Club
For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances, cards, camping, theater, sports, travel. To learn more about the club call (248) 435-5320 or go to www.sstc.org.

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PATTERSON

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health department has developed an "all-out assault plan" which will concentrate on the focused spraying of pesticides and a public education campaign to inform people of West Nile dangers.

"West Nile is a national health threat that unfortunately is here to stay," Patterson said. "Our responsibility is to mobilize the resources necessary to minimize the impact and reduce the health risks it poses. We are committed to doing so because if govern-

ment has any function at all, its primary obligation must be to protect the health and welfare of its citizens."

Patterson said the county is also prepared for an attack of another kind: a bio-terrorism attack.

Since Sept. 11, he said the county has been preparing itself for terrorist attacks. He said the county's emergency response and preparedness division has worked closely with local fire departments to develop the Oakland County Weapons of Mass Destruction HazMat Mutual Training Committee.

The HazMat team will be

well equipped, as the county has purchased three hazardous materials trucks, a mass-decontamination trailer and portable decontamination tents, and other support equipment.

"By June, more than 200 hazardous materials technicians will have been trained, suited up and ready to go. When it comes to being prepared for any kind of threat to public safety, no other county in Michigan will have more trained personnel and equipment standing by than Oakland County," Patterson said.

Despite the economic troubles, Patterson said Oakland County still remains one of the best places to live in the state, where people have a quality of life admired by many. He said residents should remember that as county officials go to work on the budget, and slashing programs and personnel.

"We have our work cut out for us in the coming 10 months. It will not be easy. Sacrifices will be required. But I am optimistic and supremely confident that Oakland County will weather the storm and emerge stronger than ever before," he said.

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POWER

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again, Child-like, we would want to know the reason for it all, but would only receive some evasive answer to each of our questions.

Apparently it wasn't just the men who were part of the Underground Railroad; Abram's wife, Amanda, was helping too.

John Power went on to explain, "However, when we grew older, we learned that on those occasions, there was a Negro slave being concealed in the barn until such a time that it was deemed safe to send him over the border into Canada where he would be free. When a safe time would arrive, my father would hitch up a load of hay or grain, conceal the slave somewhere in the load and drive down to the docks of Detroit. When all was ready, the Negro would slip off the load, get into a boat, and be quickly ferried across to Windsor, where no master's hands could be laid on him."

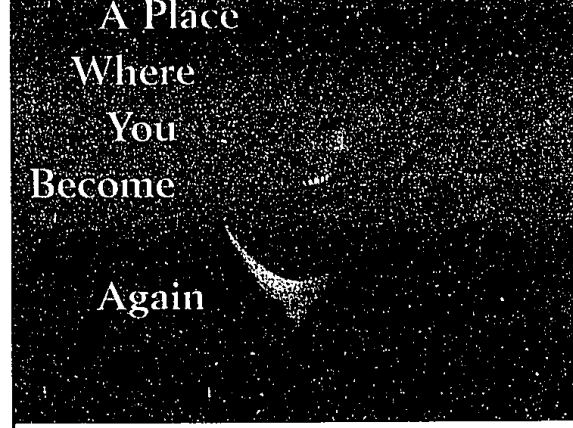
John Power died in 1924. At the time, he was president of an insurance company and director of a bank. He had left the Quaker faith and became a spiritualist.

John and Martha's son Percy also served his country in the armed services. He was in the Navy during World War I and a colonel in the U.S. Army in World War II. An attorney by profession, he never married.

An earlier Power ancestor also named John arrived in Farmington with his father, Arthur, in 1824. He married Emeline Webb, daughter of Ezekiel Webb, Farmington's first doctor and died in 1828.

Dr. Webb moved from Farmington to the Raisin Valley and was a participant in the Underground Railroad.

John Webb Power was born to Emeline Webb Power after his father's death.




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