

Arts Commission names youth winners

The Farmington Area Arts Commission will award winning high school artists, from the 18th annual art competition 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

Harvey Goldstein, the 2002 National Art Teacher of the Year, judged over 160 entries and awarded the following students:

- Two dimensional art: First place was awarded to Ellen Cappel, second place to Genevieve Mihalko and third place to Noa Kritzer.
- Three dimensional art: First place was awarded to

Alex Sobolev, second place to Christine Kenerson and third place to Ashley Lake.

Honorable mentions were given to Whitney Sage, Meghan Stewart, Kelly Petulo, Nicole Stowers, Wendy McPeck, Ashley Lake and Inna Gringauz.

Also honored were Hilary Mihalko, Avaniika Sharino, Marina Bakhtutskaya, Genevieve Mihalko and Kevin Clark.

Winning art will be displayed at the downtown Farmington Library until the Festival of the Arts begins on the evening of April 26 at the Starry Night Gala.

Farmington Musicales award winners named

The first place winners of the Farmington Musicales annual Awards for Musical Excellence competition performed April 13 at Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. The following awards were given:

- Vocal awards given by Shawn McDonald
- 11-12 grade division: first place - Ashley Bahri, second place - Ashley and honorable mention to Katie Fried.
- 9-10 grade division: first place - Beth Barrows, second place - Rachel Cannon and honorable to Dorina Shayne.
- String awards given by Nadine Deleury
- 11-12 grade division: first place - cellist Jae-yun Kim, second place - violinist Katy Proch and honorable mention to cellist James Bergeard.
- 9-10 grade division: first place - double bassist Patrick Shureb, second place - violinist Michael Nagrant and honorable mention to violinist Melissa Butman.
- 7-8 grade division: first place - violinist Erin Zuchiewicz, second place - cellist Benjamin Yellian and honorable mention to violinist Nyssa Rabinowitz.
- Wind, brass and string awards given by Richard Cardecia and Paul DeBlaise.

11-12 grade division: first place - saxophonist Drew DeOrto, second place - trumpeter Tom Kociela and honorable mentions to marimba player Kristina Raymond and bass trombonist Travis Cook.

9-10 grade division: first place - clarinetist David O'Kelly, second place - trumpeter Scott DeOrto and honorable mentions to Michael Nagrant for baritone horn, oboe player Andrew Sharp and Zach Wasserman for French horn.

7-8 grade division: first place - flutist Annemarie Hensoldt and second place - flutist Alyssa Czapala.

■ Piano awards given by Linette Popoff-Parks

11-12 grade division: Ryan Laverty and a second place tie to James Bergeard and Jennifer Chen. Honorable mentions were given to Emily Moses, Maria Palalan and Carmen Weddell.

9-10 grade division: first place - Sherry Ahmad, second place Andrew Bacyinski and honorable mentions to Vicki Behera and Bonnie Smith.

7-8 grade division: first place - Beverly Smith, second place - Benjamin Yellian and honorable mentions to Mary Malaney and Kelly Mason.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Schubert-Simpson
Jessica L. Schubert and Paul M. Simpson will exchange wedding vows in May at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jacqueline Schubert of Livonia. She earned her BS degree from Central Michigan University and is currently employed as a teacher at Rochester Adams High School.

Her fiancé is the son of Neil and Liane Simpson of Farmington Hills. He earned his BS degree from the University of Michigan and is currently working as a medical sales specialist for U.S. Endoscopy.

The couple will make their home in White Lake.



Pascehnik-Koponen
Craig and Suzanne Pascehnik of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter Sandra Marie to Steven James Koponen, son of James and Patricia Koponen of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed as a customer service representative at Brass Craft Manufacturing in Novi.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of John Glen High School and Eastern Michigan University. He earned his master's degree from Wayne State University and is a teacher at O.E. Dunkel Middle School in Farmington Hills.

A July wedding is planned at St. Alexander Catholic Church in Farmington Hills followed by a reception at the Crown Plaza in Ann Arbor.



Armstrong-Johnson

Toni and Barrie Armstrong of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their son, Brad to Dianne Johnson, daughter of Karen and Jim Johnson of Calumet.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan Technological University with a BS degree in economics. She is currently employed at Comerica Securities.

Her fiancé earned a BA degree in marketing from Western Michigan University. He is employed as a business manager at Data-Net, a software company in Southfield. A July wedding is planned.

Tavern's history will be shared

The Farmington Historical Society will be featuring John Willard discussing The Walker-Wixom Tavern touted as "The Once-Greatest Hostelry in the Michigan Wilderness".

Willard will show a Power Point presentation for this exploration into Farmington's history.

The Farmington Historical Society meets on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the downtown branch of the Farmington Public Library in the lower level conference room.

Hills man joins in 'One Voice' effort in D.C.

Greg Clarke of Farmington Hills recently traveled to Washington D.C. to join more than 200 cancer survivors, patients, volunteers and their supporters from around the country in Capitol Hill to urge Congress to increase funding for vital research and programs that prevent, detect and treat cancer.

Clarke represented the American Cancer Society for the annual event sponsored by One Voice Against Cancer, a collaboration of more than 40 public interest groups representing millions of Americans affected by cancer.

"Cancer affects all of us, and through our collaborative efforts in One Voice Against Cancer, the National Cancer Institute budget has grown by more than \$1 billion over the past four years," said Clarke. "I am letting my Senators and Representative know that in the midst of the difficult times we are experiencing, cancer still remains a priority. As a nation, the United States must continue to lead the way in cancer research."

Funding increases for the National Institute of Health and the National Cancer

Institute are key budget priorities for the cancer community. OVAC has called on the President and Congress to provide the NIH budget with \$29.6 billion as well as \$5.9 billion in funding for NCI, the amount the NCI director has deemed necessary to address the extraordinary opportunities in cancer research.

Cancer is an equal opportunity disease and therefore OVAC is requesting \$200 million for the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States and its number one health concern.

This year, more than 1.3 million Americans will be newly diagnosed with cancer and more than 556,500 will die. Here in Michigan, over 47,000 people will be diagnosed with cancer, and 19,800 are expected to die.

OVAC's united front enhances the ability of individuals and organizations to attain the funding levels necessary to win the war on cancer and to equip those facing cancer with the tools they need to fight this deadly disease.

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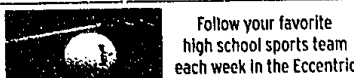
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