

NATURE CENTERS

Here's a partial listing of nature/interpretive centers in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area. Most offer educational programs on a regular basis for a small fee. Exhibits also change periodically.

■ **Environmental Interpretive Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.** Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Free admission. (313) 593-5338.

Highlights: Exhibit of the Rouge River watershed, feeding stations for wildlife, and ceramic tiles created by children on what nature means to them.

■ **Haskin Mills Interpretive Center, Wayne County Parks, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, between Farmington and Meridian roads, Westland.** Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Free admission. (734) 261-1990.

Highlights: Exhibits of Rouge River history, live reptiles and amphibians, Henry Ford and his cottage industries, and Native Americans cultures. Easy access to Hines Park is nearby.

■ **Marshlands Museum and Nature Center at Lake Erie Metropark, 32481 W. Jefferson between Woodruff and Huron River Drive, Brownstown Township.** Open 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (734) 397-5020 or (800) 477-3187. Daily vehicle parks entry fee is \$4; annual permit, good for all Metroparks, is \$20, \$12 for senior citizens at least 62 years of age. No additional charge for museum/nature center.

■ **Interpretive Nature Center and Farm Learning Center at Kensington Metropark, Kent Lake Road exit at I-96, Millard.** Farm Learning Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily; Interpretive Nature Center 1-5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3187. Daily vehicle parks entry fee is \$4; annual permit, good for all Metroparks, is \$20, \$12 for senior citizens at least 62 years of age. No additional charge for nature of farm center.

Highlights: farm center - barn, animals, gardens, nature center.

■ **Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center, Troy Parks & Recreation, 6685 Coolidge, between Square Lake Road and South Boulevard, Troy.** Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. (248) 524-3567.

■ **Lewis Wirt Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashaw Road, between Clarkson Road and Seymour Lake Road, Independence Township.** Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. (248) 625-6473. Daily vehicle parks entry fee is \$5 for county residents, \$8 for nonresidents; annual permit is \$25 for county residents, \$46 for nonresidents. No additional charge for nature center.

Highlights: Interactive exhibit on the essential elements of life relating to wildlife.

■ **Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, 333 N. Hill Circle, off Tenken Road between Rochester Road and Livernois, Rochester.** Nature center open 9 a.m. to noon Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Grounds open dawn to dusk daily. Free admission. (248) 656-0993.

■ **Interpretive Center at Stony Creek Metropark, off 26 Mile Road, between Washington/Dequindre and Mound, Shelby Township.** Open 1-5 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (586) 781-4242 or (800) 477-7756. Daily vehicle parks entry fee is \$4; annual permit, good for all Metroparks, is \$20, \$12 for senior citizens at least 62 years of age. No additional charge for interpretive center.

■ **Interpretive Center at Indian Springs Metropark, off White Lake Road between Culbert and Tedgerdine, White Lake Township.** Open 1-5 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192. Daily vehicle parks entry fee is \$4; annual permit, good for all Metroparks, is \$20, \$12 for senior citizens at least 62 years of age. No additional charge for interpretive center.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 28, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Bates, Barnett, Brickner, Ellis, Grant, McFline and Oliverio.

Council Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Manager Whinnery, Assistant to the City Manager Arneson, Director Binelli, Boyer, Coutange and Lashley, City Attorney Joppich and Planning Consultant Coates.

CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: APPROVED:

- Resolution in support of "Living Wall" concept along I-275 north of Eight Mile Road.
- Farmington Ridge Cluster Site Plan located on the northeast corner of Eight Mile and I-275.
- Date of May 19, 2003 for Court Hearing for the Eleven Mile Road Watermain S&D Project.
- Intergovernmental Agreement for the surfacing of Base Line Road from Haggerty to east of I-275 and Haggerty Road from the Livonia city limit to Base Line Road.
- Request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Charter.
- Special Event Permit for the Angels Hospice 10-K on Sunday, August 17, 2003.
- City Council Regular and Study Session meeting minutes of April 14, 2003.

AWARDED BIDS/CONTRACTS FOR:

- Road Improvement Project for Eleven Mile/Isolated Road to Dan's Excavating in the amount of \$1,022,093.00.
- O'Neill Drain Project to Bidigare Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$14,492.1.
- DPW pick-up truck plows to Cannon Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$14,946.
- Guardrail Replacement Program to Future Fence in the amount of \$12,849.

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AT THE GALLERIES



Oak of Abraham

Temple Israel Sisterhood presents its annual Art Fair featuring works from the U.S. and Israel 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday-Monday, May 4-5, at the Temple, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Admission is \$3. For information, call (248) 661-5700. Pictured is Oak of Abraham, a painting by Yitzhak Ben Yehuda who believes there's hope for a future when Moslem and Jew live together in mutual respect.

RECEPTION

Cowboy Trader Gallery
Susan Guy, an acclaimed painter of horses from Buffalo, Wyo. will be showing 20 of her paintings at Cowboy Trader Gallery, 251 Merrill St., upper level, Birmingham, Saturday, May 10 to Saturday, May 24. Artist reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 9 in conjunction with the semi-annual Birmingham Art Walk. The walk, 6-9:30 p.m. features 13 downtown Birmingham galleries. For more information, call (248) 647-8833.

LECTURE

Art of Photography
Photographer Paul Hirschmann talks about his art during a Three Cities Art Club meeting 7 p.m. Monday, May 5, Plymouth Township Municipal Building, 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Lilley. For more information, call Marilyn Meredith (248) 262-9711 (weekdays) or (734) 397-2348 (evenings) or visit Hirschmann's Web site at www.hirschmann.com

ONGOING

Arlana Gallery
Exhibition of Sculptural Glass 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 119 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810.

David Klein Gallery
Los Angeles based figurative painter Dan McCleary continues to Saturday, May 31, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. www.davidkleingallery.com, (248) 433-3700.

Habitat Galleries
31st International Glass Invitational continues to May 10, 202 E. Maple, Birmingham, and 4400 Fernside, Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590.

Hermite Gallery
19th century paintings, contemporary art and copies of the masters, 235 Main Street, between Second and Third, in Rochester, (248) 656-8559.

Lemberg Gallery
Jane Hammond, Shanghai Costumes, new paintings and unique paper objects, to Saturday, June 14, 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, www.lemborgallery.com, (248) 591-6623.

Museum of African American History
"Marching Toward Justice: The History of the 14th Amendment" through May

11 at 315 East Warren, Detroit, (313) 494-5800

Revelation
Detroit artist Peter Williams new paintings and watercolors. Exhibit closes Saturday, June 14, 23257 Woodward Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, www.revelation.com, (248) 541-3444.

Suzanne Wilberly Gallery
David Deutsch, new paintings and photographs, to Saturday, June 21, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, (248) 541-4700.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Colored Pencil Society
Detroit Chapter #104 is seeking artists for an exhibition, "Outside the Lines," to be held Aug. 11 to Sept. 2, at Allied Berkowitz Gallery at University of Michigan-Dearborn. Slide deadline is May 1. For a copy of the prospectus, call (586) 775-1924 or send e-mail to julie@104col.com

Gifts of Art
Looking for artists to exhibit work in the University of Michigan Health System for 2003-2004. Gifts of Art has 9 gallery spaces showing 20 and 30. Slide deadline is May 15. For more information, call (734) 936-ARIS or visit the Web site at www.med.umich.edu/chs/artshim

ArtFirst
Searching for artists with physical and mental disabilities for an international

juried exhibition of art and fine crafts. Including works on paper, ceramics or board, sculpture, jewelry, photography, pottery. Only work executed after the onset of disability or injury is eligible. All works must be for sale - \$6,000 in prizes to be awarded. The show will take place at the Medical Center at Princeton. For more information, call Leslie Watkins at (215) 576-0844 or send e-mail to ArtFirst@aol.com

Franklin Council for Visual & Performing Arts
Looking for artists working in a variety of media for the 23rd annual Labor Day Fine Arts Show, Art on the Green, Monday, Sept. 1 for an application, call (248) 594-3093

Livonia Arts Commission
Winter scenes of Livonia: Paintings or photographs to be entered by Nov. 10, 2003. Call Community resources for details (734) 466-2536

P.F. Galleries
New fine art gallery seeks art works for the 2003 season and beyond. Interested in works on paper and canvas, all media at 213 East 14 Mile Road, Clawson. Call Whitney Jackson at (248) 593-5997

Warren Cultural Commission
Warren's Annual Art in the Park (23rd) applications now available for original art work or crafts (no kits) This festival will be at Hahnich Park July 12-13. Entry deadline is May 10. Call (586) 977-1837 for details

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