

## Arts council expands again with new grant

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The Farmington Community Arts Council has received a \$8,800 grant, the largest received from Michigan Council for the Arts to proceed with on-going programs and initiate new ones.

The grant will cover six segments "all geared to acclaiming persons to seeing, hearing and finally appreciating all the arts," said Marlowe Belanger, founder of the council in Farmington.

"We're not stirring the same soup over and over again. We've got a few segments we've never had before here, and the on-going ones are being updated as well as expanded."

**THE EXPOSURE SERIES**, geared to enticing youngsters to begin thinking of the arts as a profession is under way now in both Farmington and Farmington Hills schools.

It is accomplished by bringing experts of all forms of the exhibiting and performing arts into the schools for lectures, performances and demonstrations. It is supported by the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, the Farmington Board of Education, governmental organizations, businesses and professional organizations, all of whom send volunteer personnel into the classroom for the student's art experience.

**ANNUAL ARTIST** in Residence Tribute is a new program which recognizes, supports and assists an artist in the community. This will involve a week-long display of the artist's talent in a place of prominence in the community, along with a reception for the artist.

Invitations will be sent to foundations, supporters and patrons of the art, to be brought together to promote the artist's career.

Art judges, foundation representatives, supporters of the arts and Farmington Community Art Council representatives will act as judges for selecting the artist to be chosen for the tribute.

**GRAND OL' FLAG** is an expanded

project from last year, a musical extravaganza, dedicated and presented primarily to senior citizens and the handicapped.

This year's music will center on the bicentennial, with American music and performances by Michigan Ballet Theatre and choral groups. Transportation will be provided for the handicapped and seniors, and there will be a reception following the musical program for guests.

The segment is provided to fill the need of an evening out for those who do not leave their homes too often. It will provide an evening of music and dance in a live performance as contrasted with the impersonal medium of radio and television.

**AMERICAN HERITAGE** Literary Awards-Youth Citizenship is a continuing and expanded segment aimed to promote skills in creative writing, to encourage continued education of writers and to excite community participation in the youth and recognition of their efforts.

There will be awards given for outstanding contributions to the community and citizenship, and awards for creative writing under the theme "American Heritage." Winning entries will be compiled in booklet form, with the author's consent.

All Farmington and Novi secondary schools, both public and private, will be contacted for participants. Presentation of the awards will be made at a community gathering and announcement of the awards will be made in the school's honor awards program.

Supporters of this program are the Soroptimist Club of Farmington, Farmington Community Center, Farmington Chamber of Commerce and both local and Novi boards of education.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY-HERITAGE** Preservations segment is a new project which will embrace the entire community. Residents will be asked to preserve historical artifacts and collect oral and written history and photographs.

The entire project will be headed by

members of the Farmington Historical Society in cooperation with the Farmington Community Library where historical collections will be available to the public and on display.

Plans are in the making for a dig, to be carried out in June 1976, in cooperation with the local society and the Archaeological Society of Michigan. Supporters of this segment are the Archaeological Society of Michigan, Farmington Quarters, city governments of Farmington and Farmington Hills, Farmington Public Schools and local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

**FARMINGTON SCULPTURE** Project will be the first major art project for the public, in terms of a permanent project in the community.

This is a twofold project, incorporating a gift of a bronze statue to the library, and expanding the library's present loan service of artworks to library patrons.

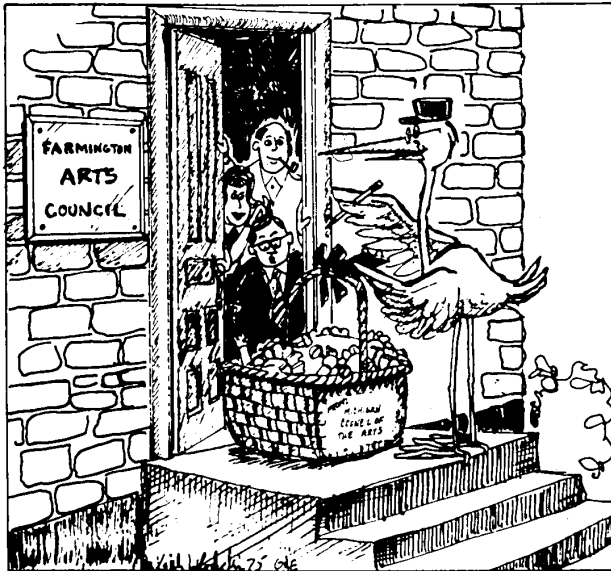
The library has been offered a gift of a seven-foot bronze statue called "Homoresque" by Harriet W. Frisvold, from Dr. Allen Zieger. It is valued at \$35,000. The grant will provide a foundation for the statue, to be prepared by the library architects, Merritt, Cole and McCallum. It will also provide for replicas of the statue to be made, and in turn made available for loan to library patrons.

The library loans original art work to patrons, created by local artists.

Supporters of this segment are the Farmington Artists Club. **THE FARMINGTON Community Arts Council** has just completed bringing together members of the Madrigal Club of Detroit and music students from Farmington area high schools for a choir and music workshop, the first of its kind in the metropolitan area.

In addition to the projects which the current grant will provide, members are at work scheduling another first for the two cities, an art fair, set for early spring.

Also on the 1976 calendar is a repeat of last year's successful "Summer in the Park" series.



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Brian Becker, Roger Avie and Diane Cook now in rehearsals for "The Best Laid Plans."

## Nardin Park Players stage comedy-mystery

"The Best Laid Plans," a two-act mystery-comedy by Fred Carnichael opens the fall season for Nardin Park Players, in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 2887 Eleven Mile. Play dates are Nov. 1, 7 and 8, with curtain time set at 8 p.m.

The play tells the story of an elderly authoress of children's books, played by Betty Love of Farmington Hills, who turns to the more lucrative field of mystery novels. Then gets caught up in a real mystery involving secret plans, international espionage, and improbable and comic situations. Dorothy Allen of Detroit, takes the role of the writer's secretary who aids, jostles, cajoles and counsels her employer.

Others in the cast are Roger Avie, Dick Kahl, and Bill Reber, all of

Farmington Hills; Brian Becker and Reva Wujcik, both of Detroit; Diane Cook and Glenn Smith of Livonia, and Dale Maynard of Novi.

**THE NARDIN PARK** Players have been around for several decades, but with the completion of the church stage four years ago, they have become better known and have been able to undertake and produce more professional productions.

They have presented serious dramas, variety shows, farce, melodramas and Broadway comedies. They are also known for Lenten and Christmas chance drama performed in the church sanctuary with the chance as a stage.

The group's leader and director of "The Best Laid Plans" is Dorothy

Cook of Livonia. Drama is a full-time avocation for her, and a family affair. Her husband, Don, designs and builds sets. Her children have been on stage. And during the summer, she conducts a drama workshop for young people.

All of the players are members of the church, and many are experienced in professional theatrical productions.

Working behind the scenes for this production are Katherine McCorry of Livonia; Don Harbold of Southfield; Paul Notestine and Ron Beam of Farmington Hills; and Carol Raeside of Detroit.

Tickets are available through the church office, or at the door.

The group offers special rates for students and senior citizens.