

Lively Arts

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FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS 2002 -- APRIL 27—MAY 5

Mark your calendars now for the Festival of the Arts, which is returning to the Costick Center April 27 – May 5. Filled with activities for all ages, the Festival of the Arts offers artwork galore for sale from the Farmington Artists Club, as well as concerts, prose, exhibits by community cultural groups, and hands-on activities. This is the event that allows the public to see all the wonderful things happening right here in our community.

STARRY NIGHT GALA

Please plan to attend this wonderful evening of great food, entertainment, and fun. The Starry Night Gala opens the Festival of the Arts and takes place at the Costick Center on April 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A fabulous meal by Gourmet Express is included, as well as a silent auction and dancing under the “stars”. With tickets at priced at only \$30/each or \$55/two, the Starry Night Gala has been called the “best deal in town”. Invitations will be mailed soon; however, if you do not receive one in the mail, please call (248) 473-1857. Bring your neighbors and friends to help us support the arts and also to enjoy a terrific evening! (You could choose to support the Festival with a check for \$100 and for that you would get two tickets to the Gala and a \$40 tax deduction. What a deal!)

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS:

The FCAC is looking for a few good arts people...actually quite a few! We need your help for set-up, take-down, and during the many events of the Festival of the Arts. We also need We also need help obtaining donations (perhaps your business?) and auction items. Please call 473-1857 if you are able to help. This is a worthwhile and fun-filled event! Please give your support!

ORGANIZATIONAL DISPLAYS ARE NEEDED!

Every FCAC member is allowed to display information about your organization, but we need to know what you plan to be a part of the festival. If you have not yet contacted the committee, please call Alice Nichols at 474-5137 to let her know that you wish to be involved.

The following is the Festival of the Arts schedule of activities for 2002:

Sat., April 27, Starry Night Gala 6:30 – 11:00 p.m.

Sun., April 28, 2 –5

Artist in Residence Awards, 2:00

Con. Knollenberg Art Awards, 4:00

Mon., April 29, 10 – 8

Library Awards, 7:00

Tues., April 30, 10 – 8

Senior Citizens Day, 11- 2

Wed., May 1, 10 – 8

Ridgewriters Readings, 12:30

Battle of the Books, 7:00

Thurs, May 2, 10 – 8

Fri., May 3, 10 – 8

Sat., May 4, Noon – 8:00

Mighty Meaty Swing Kings, 8:00

Sun., May 5, 2:00-5:00

Community Band Concert, 3:00

Does your organization want to be included in the Boutique?

Call Marvel Steiger at 553-2391 or dmsteiger@juno .com for the details.

ARTS COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Thurs, April 11, 2002...12:00 noon Council Meeting (Visitors Center)

Sun, April 28- Sun. May 5, 2002...Festival of the Arts...Costick Center

Sat. June 15, 2001...Deadline for Lively Arts newsletter

Attention all Volunteers !!!

To have a successful show we will need many volunteers. We are asking each organization to commit to a minimum of two volunteers during the eight-day show. Of course, larger groups have more help to offer.

Docents are responsible for manning the front entrance, asking guests to sign the guest book, and reminding the patrons of the special performances and the boutique, walking the floor to answer any questions and to remind guests not to touch the exhibits. We thank the Farmington Artists Club for providing those services as a part of their exhibit and sale.

We do need extra Docents in the hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 AM – 1 PM. The Seniors and the Students have the run of the place and need our assistance once in a while.

You and your organization can help to make the Festival of the Arts a huge success! Deadlines and sign-up sheets will be sent soon, but if you want to reserve a time for your group, please call me now.

Thank you, on behalf of the Festival of the Arts and the Farmington Arts Council!

Contact Cheryl True...476-7885

Farmington Garden Club

April 1, 2002...Dr. David Michener, assistant curator at Matthaei- Garden design styles across the centuries and how our gardens have meaning for us. "Come grow with us."

May 6,2002...Pat Sagert "Teathyme"...growing, harvesting & brewing Herbal Tea and antique teapots

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT LONGACRE HOUSE AT NOON

THE FARMINGTON PLAYERS

The Farmington Players are winding up our 2001-2002 season at our temporary home—the Barnes & Noble on Orchard Lake Rd between 14 Mile and Maple (W. Bloomfield). Yes, there is an actual, 180-seat theater attached to the bookstore. Simply walk past the checkout counter and magazine racks, and there we are! We have all the benefits of a local community theater as well as a great cafe for intermission goodies and coffee.

We've begun construction on our new home on our old property on 12 Mile Rd. Concrete is being poured and we will soon see steel being raised for the main structure of our new barn theater. We should be in our new space sometime next season. Until then, please join us for **Once Upon a Mattress**, our final show of the season. It runs from May 3 through June 1. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available by calling our ticket hotline at (248) 219-0800. Group sales, with discounts of up to 44%, are available by calling Mike Smith at (248) 398-4854. Also, visit our web site at www.farmingtonplayers.org.

Once Upon a Mattress

Directed by Lisa Muscio; choreographed by Marilyn Piazza-Esper; music direction by Lee George.

If you thought you knew the story of **The Princess and the Pea**, you may be in for a walloping surprise! Our 2001-2002 season finale brings with it a wave of wonderful songs, which are by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic—all in a rollicking spin on the familiar fairy tale classic. Carol Burnett and Sarah Jessica Parker have played the princess on Broadway.

And check out these special promotions:

Mother's Day—May 12, 2002—2:00 PM

Tickets for mothers are half off! That's only \$7.50—a huge break off the \$15.00 regular price. Mother's are also eligible for the free gift drawing at intermission.

Special Youth Performance—June 1, 2002—2:00 PM

Ever met an actor or walked backstage at a theater? Here's your chance! Tickets are half off for kids when an accompanying adult pays full price. After the show, kids can meet the actors and ask questions, and tours backstage will be provided.

Would you like to receive your Lively Arts through e-mail?

Hill and Dale Garden Club

April 11... "New Plants for 2002" by George Papadelis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse in Troy.

7 PM A.V. Visitors Center Heritage Park.

Contact 248-486-4346

May 9 ... "A Floral and Horticultural Mini-Show"

workshop presented by six

Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Flower Show Judges. 7 PM...A. V. Visitors Center,

Heritage Park. Contact 248-486-4346.

May 11 ... Mother's Day Weekend Flat and Flower Sale. 10 AM – 5 PM... A.V. Visitors Center

Heritage Park. To place an order for flats, hanging baskets or accent greens contact Stacy Buatti at 248-426-9037.

June 13 ... June Reception – Installation of Officers at the Northville Historical Society's Mill Race Historical Village. 7 PM. Contact 248-486-4346

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HE(ART) OF AMERICA EXHIBITION

The deadline is March 28. Your work... 6"X 6" on any light weight medium, unframed. Send to the Costick Center...473-1857

NORTH FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB

April 9... 12 noon at the Spicer House... Florence Smith, District I Director of Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan will conduct a make & take demonstration of practical flower design and arranging for your home. Bring a bouquet of an assortment of fresh flowers and your own container.

May 14...12 noon at the Spicer House...Judy Cornellier of Telly's Greenhouse will present a program on " Container Gardening and Color Coordinating"... The plants with the pots. There will also be a perennial plant exchange

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

For information: 248-626-8776

St. Fabian Middle School

Annual Spring Play

"Once on this Island, Jr."

Friday...May 17, 7 PM

Saturday...May 18, 7 PM

Sunday...May 19, 4 PM

Call 248-553-2750

Daughters of Peace

I love to dance, to teach, to make and wear beautiful costumes and to share all these activities with other women. I have always believed that the United Nations could move the world toward global peace. But the United Nations is a far-away concept, not anything I could contribute to personally. I founded the Daughters of Peace Middle Eastern Dance Ensemble in 1985 with the mission of bringing positive aspects of many diverse Middle Eastern cultures to the American public.

I chose the troupe's name because I believe wholeheartedly that peace comes through understanding and understanding comes through knowledge. When I taught Home Economics in the public schools, a common complaint among fellow educators was that the students expected to be entertained. I have learned that entertainment is an easy way to teach important concepts like tolerance. People don't like preaching but can learn tolerance by simply experiencing something new which is fun.

Many Middle Eastern dance troupes choose Arabic names to lend them credibility or authenticity. Knowing how to say Daughters of Peace in both Hebrew and Arabic and noticing that it is very similar in both languages brought me face to face with a personal goal. I realized that highlighting the similarities of Arabic and Israeli languages, music and dance might eventually contribute to peace between warring yet related people. For example, we perform an Israeli dance called Mayyim that means water in Hebrew. The movements of the dance mime bringing water up from the earth and down from the sky. Similarly, an Arabic song called Al Maya has lyrics which led us to choreograph a jug dance where we act out girls going to the well to fetch water.

For a long time I believed that my dance troupe was making slow but steady progress towards educating the public. We perform at many festivals where I can watch tiny children respond to our music and movement intuitively. They hear me talk simply about the origins of the various Arabic and Israeli dances we present. We all know that reaching the children before they develop hate can mean tolerance in that generation.

Recently I was contacted by a Muslim student organizer about the troupe teaching Arabic line dances for an international festival at a local community college. When I suggested some audience participation in both Arabic and Israeli line dances, she became icy instantaneously. I called the Dance Director of the college with whom I had worked the past two years on this same event to discuss the frigid conversation. Her explanation was that since 9-11, the large Muslim student population has been very nervous.

I have experienced a steady decline in enrollment in my classes since September. Bookings for performances are way down too. I realize that the economic climate causes a decrease in arts funding and discretionary spending on enrichment classes. People are still doing *some* things "for fun" but choosing something Middle Eastern right now is not "politically correct."

The arts, and particularly dance, have always been a universal language for me. When traveling, art is an introduction to new cultures for me, and body language is one that most people understand. I believe it is essential to remember that the United States produced both the Oklahoma City disaster and much artistic beauty. I wish that we could all reach out to one another at a time when healing is so necessary, perhaps through the universal language of dance.

Naomi Handelman

**Get together with your friends and
book an entire table at the Gala! The
more the merrier!**

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS

May 5... "Memory Lane"... 3 PM... Costick Activities Center
May 6... "Memory Lane"... 7:30 PM... South Lyon H.S.
June 6... "Jazz in the Park"... 8 PM... Heritage Park

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

April 10... Karen Halpern, noted artist... 8PM... Costick Center, 661-4863

FARMINGTON MUSICALE

April 10... "Three Duos and A Diva"... 1 PM Hammell Music, 478-8932
May 11... "It's Showtime... All That Jazz"... Awards Benefit... Costick Center... 7 PM... 471-6017

THE BROE TABERNACLE THERAPEUTIC CHOIR

This Choir is comprised of a unique group of men and women all recovering from Traumatic Brain Injuries. Since October 1998 the group has given over 30 Free Performances at Schools, Hospitals, Rehabilitation Centers and Private Functions. Performances can include, if desired, an Educational Presentation about Traumatic Brain Injury, Rehabilitation, Drinking and Driving, Sports Concussions and Prevention. The group has produced 3 CD's and 2 TV Video's and have been written in 25 newspaper articles and 5 nationally and globally professional journals.

For Booking information or general inquiries:

Contact Founder and Choir Director
Len McCulloch, Director of Psychological Services
Broe Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
(248) 474-2763

Michigan Weavers Guild

Welcome to the Farmington Community Arts Council!
Stop by the Costick Art Gallery to see the
MWG Fiberworks Show
April 4 through May 6.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

April

11... Club Shiawassee Jazz Concert... 7:30 PM... Harrison HS
17... "Letters Home" Concert... 7:30 PM, Farmington HS
18-20... "Anything Goes"... 7:30 PM... Harrison HS
18-20... "Sweet Charity"... 7:30 PM... North Farmington HS
25... Symphony Orchestra Concert... 7:30 PM... Harrison HS
26-27... "Sweet Charity"... 7:30 PM... North Farmington HS

May

2... Vocal Music Spring Concert... 7:30... Farmington HS
2... Symphony Band Concert... 7:30 PM... Harrison HS
8... Spring Choir Concert... 7:30 PM... Harrison HS
8... "Music Is" Pops Concert... 7:30 PM... Farmington HS
15-16... Spring Instrumental Concert... 7:30 PM... NFHS
16... Instrumental Pops Concert... 7:30 PM... Harrison HS
27... Memorial Day Parade – Marching Bands... 10 AM downtown Farmington

FARMINGTON HILLS EMBROIDERER'S GUILD (EGA)

We meet the Faith Covenant Church on 14 Mile Rd. and Drake Rd. (southwest corner)

Social time starts at 9:30 a.m. and programs usually start at 10:00 a.m.

April 3... Red Work for a quilt.

May 1... Mystery day trip
(starts at 9:00 a.m.)

June 5... Hanging your Needlework presented by a curator from Greenfield Village.

Questions? Call Charlotte Fallis, 248-926-0899.

All interested stitchers are welcome. Refreshments are provided.

Oakland Community College

From Our Perspective: Fifteenth Annual National Women's Art Exhibition

May 13-31, 2002

Phone 248-522-3642

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Join the Ridgewriters at the Festival of the Arts and read the poems and prose written about selected works by artists from the Farmington Artists Club.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION NEWS

MIGHTY MEATY SWING KINGS **Costick Center, Saturday, May 4**

Don't miss this exciting, lively concert by the **Mighty Meaty Swing Kings**, presented as part of the Farmington Festival of the Arts, and sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division. The MMSK are known as the best "new-style" swing musicians in Ohio, and come complete with zoot suits and the attitude to go with them! A great time for all!

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and are available in advance at the Costick Center, by calling (248) 473-1800. Some tickets may be available at the door the night of the performance.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

JUNE 6	FARMINGTON COMMUNITY JAZZ BAND
JUNE 13	STEVE KING & THE DITTILIES
JUNE 20	KIMMIE HORNE
JUNE 27	EREMY KITTLE & JESSE MASON
JULY 4	NO CONCERT
JULY 11	PAUL VENTIMIGLIA GROUP
JULY 18	NO CONCERT
JULY 25	FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND
AUG 1	RAISIN PICKERS
AUG 8	FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Upcoming exhibits:

City Gallery

The City Gallery, located in the Costick Center, will feature the following exhibits:

April 4 – May 6

"Fiberworks"—the Michigan Weavers Guild

May 9 – June 5

Watercolors by Barbara Cicchelli and Pamela Reid

June 10 – August 1

Ted Hadfield and Wendy MacGraw

Art in the Corridor

March 21-April 25

"Salon des Refuses"—student artists from the Farmington

Public High Schools

April 29 – May 30

"Passionate Colors from the Soul"—Pamela O'Neil

New Programs

Please join us for a wide array of new programs being offered this summer. New programs include:

FLOWERS IN WATERCOLOR

Instructor: Donna Vogelheim (May 18 & 19) Learn how to paint the beautiful flowers that grow in your yard with fresh, sparkling color. For all levels.

LANDSCAPES IN WATERCOLOR

Instructor: Donna Vogelheim (June 29 & 30)

Paint on location—lectures and demonstrations, all levels.

ARTISTIC BOOK MAKING

Instructor: Mi-kyoung Lee (June 20 or June 22)

This teacher at CCS and Cranbrook will show you how to create lovely, hand-crafted books for keepsakes or gifts.

JEWELRY MAKING I & II

Instructor Andrea Bronson. Make unique, beautiful beaded jewelry, learning many techniques in several sessions.

ACOUSTIC GUITAR CLASS FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE & ELECTRIC

Offering several sessions, these classes will teach you how to thoroughly enjoy guitar playing.

SUMMER CAMP—ART AROUND THE WORLD

For ages 5-11. Children learn about different types of art in this fun-filled, two-week camp, July 8-19. At the new studio at the Heritage Stables.

Farmington Community Chorus Performs Spring Concerts

The Farmington Community Chorus will perform its annual spring concert, "Made In America", at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 beginning at 8 PM.

Detroit Country Day School is located at 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile in Beverly Hills. Tickets can be ordered in advance or purchased at the door for \$10.

The 80-voice mixed chorus is comprised of singers from the metro Detroit area. The Chorus is directed by Steve SeGraves and accompanied by Susan Garr, on the piano. The Chorus will perform a wide variety of American music, including patriotic songs ("God Bless the U.S.A.", "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor"), songs from musicals (Damn Yankees, Music Man, Oklahoma), songs by Irving Berlin, as well as solo and small group numbers.

To order advance tickets, call (810) 632-4067 or order online at www.farmingtonchorus.com. For more information about the Farmington Community Chorus concerts, contact manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516.

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Information and articles covering the period of April through June, 2002 will be accepted from the member organizations before the deadline of June 15, 2002. Contact Cheryl True at above phone or at catatrue@aol.com to contribute your information

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Broe Tabernacle Therapeutic Choir
Daughters of Peace Middle Eastern Dance Ensemble
The Detroit Ballet
Farmington Area Arts Commission
Farmington Artists Club
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Farmington Community Chorus
Farmington Community Library
Farmington Garden Club
Farmington Historical Society
Farmington Musicale
Farmington Players
Farmington Public Schools Fine Arts Department
Farmington Hills Embroiderers Guild of America
Farmington Hills Historical Commission
Farmington Hills Special Services
Hill & Dale Garden Club
Longacre House
Michigan Weavers Guild
North Farmington Garden Club
Oakland Community College
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