

# Where There's Life

## MAIN STREET

Gardens of Cranbrook House open 14 p.m. daily in June and July, at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Admission charge.

'North to Polar Skies' is June topic at Cranbrook Institute of Science planetarium. Demonstrations free with museum admission.

Restoration Antique Village tour with bus leaving Farmington Community Center at 9 a.m. June 3. Tickets on sale in the center. Further information by calling center at 477-8404.

Detroit Folkdance Club meets to review Mayra's dances during regular session from 8-11 p.m. June 4 in Brookside School Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. Call 642-8025 for more information.

'Fashion with Treasures' shows fashions made by the models in Irene McKinnon's class in Farmington Community Center, with commentary that is a sewing lesson in itself, following noon luncheon June 4 in Farmington Community Center. Tickets on sale in center.

Bare Sale to benefit New Horizons from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 4 in First Presbyterian Church, bare sale. Farmington Road near Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills.

Arts Festival sponsored by Southfield Arts.

Council June 54 in Civic Center Ice Arena. Ten and one-half and Evergreen. No admission charge. Open June 5 from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. and June 6 from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. Arts and crafts, performing arts, ethnic food—with adequate p.m. June 6—the Detroit Harmon Choir, an official National Bicentennial Committee.

Biocentennial Collection of Beesha Perovskales on display from 10 p.m. June 4 in Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. World-famous Edward Marshall Boehm birds, animals and flowers displayed outdoors in English Garden, by Charles Warren Co. No charge for viewing. Visitors may tour 100-room Tudor mansion during open house for regular admission prices for adults and children or persons older than 65 years.

'Aardvark Art Show' at the Grand Trunk Railroad Station in Birmingham from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 4. More than 100 area artists display and sell paintings, weavings, ceramics, sculptures, stained glass, photography. Sponsored by Gateway Montessori House in Birmingham. Free admission and parking. Station is on 5 East south of Maple, a mile east of Woodward. Benefit for Gateway projects.

Open Auditions for new members of Festival Dancers of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit at 10 a.m. June 7 in center's main building in West Bloomfield. Adults dancers should come to

audition prepared to participate in a dance class. Further information by calling 831-7280, ext. 217 or 184.

Guided Tours of the two miles of Cranbrook Nature Trails, 3000 Evergreen, Southfield, every Sunday at 4 p.m., sponsored by City of Southfield.

Metropolitan Beach Park with roundtrip transportation from Southfield Parks and Recreation Building provided by SEMTA. Weekends only, until June 13, after that daily service.

## AT THE MALL

Senior Art Students Exhibit in show of work representing Avondale Senior High School, through June 1 in Meadowbrook Village Mall, Avon Township.

Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors exhibits June 3-12 of Somerset Mall, Troy. Recent work by member artists includes acrylics, oil, watercolor, ceramics, glass, prints and sculpture, juried by Ray Fleming. Show open during regular mall hours.

Arts and Crafts Village multi-media art exhibition and sale produced by Betty Baldwin's Artist Showcase Agency, June 3-13 in Pontiac Mall, Waterford Township. Admission free daily from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

'A Book at Breakfast' series presents Joshua Legum with his book "Josh, My Up and Down, Is and Out Life," on June 4 in Northland Room of Hudson's Northland store, Southfield. Program includes continental breakfast. Reservations, 333-3481.

Chrysalis House Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 5 and from noon to 6 p.m. June 6, presented by Greater Detroit Chrysalis House Society, in Tel-Twelve Mall, Southfield.

## CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Summer Reading Club program begins registration June 1 at Troy Public Library at civic center. Program lasts until July 31. Frank Baum's "Wizard of Oz" is used as a theme. Program open to all children who live in Troy or attend school in Troy. Library also offers puppet shows and film programs at 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout summer months.

Meet Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn and friends on the shoreboat every weekend at Meadowbrook Village Mall. Showtimes are 11 a.m., 1 and 6 p.m. Saturdays and 1 and 3:30 p.m. Sundays.

## CURTAIN TIME

'Star Spangled Girl' Ned Simon Broadway hit every Friday and Saturday evening until mid-July at Somerset Dinner Theatre.

In Somerset Mall, Troy Buffet dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. with an 8:45 p.m. curtain. Dinner by Alfred's Call 643-8865 for reservations.

'Our Town,' Thornton Wilder's perennial classic, at 8 p.m. June 24 in outdoor Cranbrook Greek Theatre on Lane Pine in Bloomfield Hills. Presented by St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild.

## TALKING

Bessie Barnes Current Events Lectures from 1:30 p.m. June 1 in second floor Jeanne Lloyd Lounge of Baldwin Public Library, 201 Martin, Birmingham. Admission charge.

## ON FILM

Awaroos Through Film open to everyone Mondays from 8-10 p.m. at Common corner Adams and Lincoln, Birmingham.

For area events in Oakland County to be considered for listing, send information to Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham 35203. Deadline is a week ahead of publication. Calendar forms are available in the offices of the Observer & Eccentric.



## 'Our Town'

St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook always winds up its season with a show in the outdoor Greek Theatre on the Cranbrook grounds in Bloomfield Hills. This year the production is "Our Town," Thornton Wilder's classic drama about life in America at the turn of the century. In the opening scene, Mike Brooks of Birmingham prepares to deliver the Gravel's Corners Sentinel. The show runs Thursday through Saturday this weekend and next. Call 644-0527 for ticket information.

# Annual symphony meeting to feature soprano

By TIM RICHARDS

Oakway Symphony does everything with a fan. Even the annual meeting with the election of the board of directors will have entertainment from the world of opera—soprano Astris Kalins.

The group's third annual meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday in University Hills Christian Center, Farmington Road at 1400 in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Kalins, accompanied by Marie Walch, will sing a first-act aria from a role for which she has become locally famous—Mimi, in Puccini's "La Bohème." She will sing "Mi chiamano Mimì" (My name is Mimi) from the famous love scene.

She also will be heard in Schubert's "Auf dem Wasser zu Genähe" and a group of Latvian folk songs.

THE NOMINATING committee, headed

by Dr. Gerald Waugter, will propose a staff of new members for the board of directors, and a short business meeting will be conducted.

Refreshments will be highlighted by a cake to celebrate Oakway Symphony's third birthday.

Afterwards, the new board of directors will meet to elect officers for the year.

Musings will be conducted by Francesco DiBiasi. He will be guest conducting the Pittsburgh Symphony in works of Brahms, Beethoven, Mozart and Wagner.

ASTRA KALINS, who is of Danish-Latvian descent, first came to the U.S. in 1944 with her family to settle in Hamburg, Germany, where she studied at the Hamburg University Conservatory of Music and with Hamburg Opera baritone Rudolf Bonzelmann.

After arriving in Detroit in 1953, Mrs. Kalins joined the Michigan Opera Company of Detroit and studied opera under

Maria Arista Guerra.

She moved from the chorus to secondary and then leading roles with the company, receiving wide recognition for her Mimi.

She has performed in opera and on the concert stage in the U.S., Canada and Europe. She recently returned from a tour in London and Bradford, England, Münster, Germany, Copenhagen, Denmark and Stockholm, Sweden.

A resident of Farmington Hills, she is a member of the Oakway board of directors.

CONDUCTOR DIABIASI enjoyed himself immensely during Oakway's recent cabaret concert in the Sheraton-Southfield Hotel.

Anyone who didn't know his fascination for opera and music of the theater could have figured it out quickly: seven of the 12 selections on the program were from the stage.

He gave mezzo-soprano Barbara Windham plenty of opportunity for a thorough workout—one aria in French from Bizet's "Carmen," another in Italian from Rossini's "Cinderella," songs in American from Rodgers' "Sound of Music," and others in English from Bart's "Oliver."

"Any problems switching from French to Italian?" she was asked.

"No," she said, then confessed "The hardest is English because if you forget the words, you can't fake it."

Not one to set backstage, Mrs. Windham had dinner with the audience and revealed other little secrets: her ancestry is German, and she's a fan of opera and Victor Herbert.

ONE USUALLY admires young violas for their courage and stamina, but Alyse

Dreiling revealed a spectacular howling arm as soloist in Saint-Saens' "In the Forest." Mrs. Dreiling, a 10th grader yet, was awesome in her treatment of the bouncing sacroto that Saint-Saens used to achieve a brilliant effect. Dreiling is a week ahead of publication. Calendar forms are available in the offices of the Observer & Eccentric.

pitcher can do it a couple of times but keeping it up demands breath taking control.

The enjoyment was mutual as guest conductor Ernest A. Jones provided crisp readings of the first movement of Schubert's "Unfinished" symphony and Saint-Saens' "Washington Post March" and Debussy's "L'Isle Joyeuse" and Liszt's "Lullaby."

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