



Garden club president leaves office after 'a beautiful year'

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Mrs. Dennis Goulette, outgoing president of Hill and Dale Garden Club, left her term of office with being able to look back on a year that brought sponsorship to a new garden club in town; six awards taken in one year; the formation of new study groups; a new meeting place; and a gift of John Glick pottery, given in thanks from the membership.

"It was a beautiful year," she said. "We have an active membership of 100 very creative and talented women, so we always win something, but it was really something to win so many this year."

She credits Mrs. Michael Byrne for bringing home a national prize for the club's Christmas flower show, called "Deck the Halls in the 1800's," held in Detroit's Moross House.

"Hill and Dale's flower shows are held every other year, with boutiques taking their place on alternate years."

Mrs. Carl C. Sundberg will chair this season's boutique, call Harvest Highlights, set for Oct. 27 in the group's new meeting place, the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

THE CLUB WILL move from the Farmington Community Center at the beginning of its fall season because it outgrew the space there.

"We have comfortable parking space at the church, and we will have much more working space for our workshops," Mrs. Goulette said.

"But we will certainly continue to maintain the gardens there and decorate the house for Christmas. We've been doing that for as long as I've been in the club."

"Mrs. Lawrence Freedman is responsible for our getting a national award for garden therapy programs," she continued.

The better part of the local clubs who are members of the Federation of Garden Clubs do some work in garden therapy. Some work in institutions, some work with the aged, and some with the under privileged.

Hill and Dale has chosen to bring their programs of garden therapy to the emotionally and physically handicapped, and now handle that curriculum in 21 classrooms, in addition to classes in the Farmington-based Oak-

land County Training Center.

"The classes there constitute a program in itself," Mrs. Goulette said. "We serve about 110 students with varying multi-handicaps, of all ages and all capabilities. We took both a state and a national award for that program, mostly because she (Mrs. Freedman) and her committee are so devoted to this."

MRS. JOHN KING headed up the club newsletters, and took a state award for the club in the publications award categories, and Mrs. Charles Gatecliff handled the year book, which took a state honorable mention.

Another state award came for the members' work in improving the grounds of the former Noble School on Middle Belt, now used by Farmington Area Advisory Committee. That committee was headed by Mrs. Charles Gundersen.

As pleased as Mrs. Goulette is with all the awards, she said she believes her greatest accomplishment through the year was getting the North Farmington Garden Club off to a start

under Hill and Dale's sponsorship.

Hill and Dale had reached its maximum membership, and it just stayed there, while the waiting list just kept growing and growing.

"Garden clubbing is an appealing, thing to women in this area," Mrs. Goulette said. "It's a nice way of life, surrounding yourself with nice things. Our waiting list had grown to almost 50 women, so we got them chartered, and now, they have a waiting list."

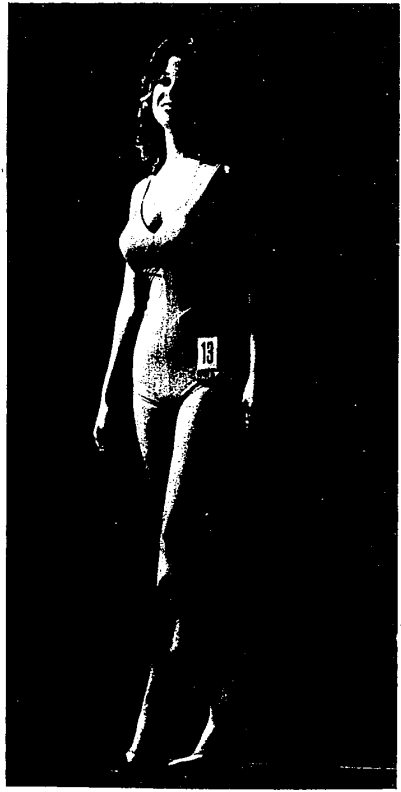
Another thing she's enthused about is the full scale study groups and workshops the members will have access to this fall in their new meeting place, under the direction of Mrs. Frederick Bulman.

"IT WILL be a new learning and sharing experience for all of us," she said. "with study in arranging, landscape design, Oriental designs, things like that."

She has turned over her gavel to Mrs. Kenneth Cheyne, and next season, by virtue of being the past president, automatically becomes the club's parliamentarian.



Mrs. Dennis Goulette rearranges her coffee table to better show off the Glick piece of pottery she received as a thank you from members of the Hill and Dale Garden Club. Her dried flower arrangement is her own design, stemming from natural materials that once bloomed in her garden. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Off to Atlantic City

Holly Ann Schmidt, Miss Michigan of 1977, left Farmington on the weekend for Atlantic City, N.J. where she will prepare for the Miss America Pageant on Sept. 10. She was Number 13 when she took the title of Miss Farmington, in last summer's pageant during Founders Festival activities, which led the way for her to vie for the Miss America crown this fall. A full schedule of activities through the week wind up with the televised finale Saturday night. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Act one scene one

Dramatics classes are some of the most popular courses in the Farmington Community Center.

"Young people like to be someone other than themselves, whether it be a villain or a hero," says a spokesman for the center. "With this in mind, the center offers five distinct and different dramatics classes through eighth graders, this fall."

Registration continues until all classes are filled. Participants may register in person, or call the center at 477-8404.



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Farmington Players sell season tickets

The Farmington Players announce the selection of plays for the 1977-78 season, and simultaneously, a new season ticket package so that audiences may choose the evenings most convenient for them with each production.

"The players' striking barn on Twelve Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road, has attracted audiences from the metropolitan community for many years," said spokesman Kathleen Monticello. "But as the audiences have grown, a problem has developed. There are frequently not enough tickets to accommodate all the customers."

The problem, one that most community theatres would like to share, she adds, is being solved by offering three plays this year, each to be presented on nine evenings.

The season ticket package has been arranged so that purchasers may choose their own choice of which presentation to attend.

Season ticket prices for Friday and/or Saturday package are \$9.75. For Thursday and/or Sunday package, the price is \$8.

THE PLAYERS open the season with Noel Coward's comedy, "Hay Fever," which will run for three consecutive weekends beginning Nov. 4.

Opening night for Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House," is Feb. 17.

"The Bat," a mystery-comedy by Mary Roberts Rinehart, closes the year with its opening set for May 5.

The box office telephone is 477-1068.