

Community Calendar

ONE WOMAN SHOW

Thursday, May 11: One woman show exhibiting the works of Jean Rothenberg, a member of Farmington Artists Club, in Farmington Community Library on Liberty, remains through May 31.

FASHION AWARENESS

Friday, May 12: Fashion Awareness, two-session workshop with Marlene Coffey, who gives individual attention to participants, at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration is necessary by calling the center, 477-8404.

RED BARN SALE

Friday and Saturday, May 12-13: Red Barn Sale of rummage, sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, in the barn on the church grounds, 25125 Middlebelt, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday and Saturday, May 12-13: Rummage sale in Hope Lutheran Church, 26715 Farmington Road, south of I-696, offers rummage, a mini-boutique and baked goods from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

JEWELS AND JUNK

Friday and Saturday, May 12-13: Jewels and Junk, sale of rummage sponsored by The Kendallarks, in Sutton Orchards on Twelve Mile west of Farmington Road, begins at 9 a.m. both days.

THE BAT

Friday through Sunday, May 12-14: "The Bat," Mary Roberts Rinehart mystery, staged at Farmington Playhouse in the Players Barn, Twelve Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road. Tickets available by calling the box office, 477-1065. Play continues May 18-20.

GRADUATION SQUARE DANCE

Friday, May 12: Graduation Square Dance celebrates the completion of square dance instruction for class sponsored by Fancy Farmers of Farmington at 8 p.m. in Farmington Training School, Warner and Thomas with callers Karen Ziegleski and Bruce Light. Open to guests. Donation asked at the door.

BIKE RODEO

Saturday, May 13: Bike rodeo, sponsored by Farmington Area Jaycees, begins at 10 a.m. on the grounds of Bel Aire Lanes, Orchard Lake and Ten

Mile, with prizes for obstacle course and free bike safety inspections by Farmington Police Department. Open to youngsters 6-16. Refreshments. No charge.

KIDS GARDEN CLUB

Saturday, May 13: Orientation meeting for new garden club for children, sponsored by Hillside Dale Garden Club, at 10 a.m. in Farmington Community Library on Liberty. Open to youth of all ages in all surrounding areas. Inquiries taken by calling Penny Stains, 476-9463.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM PLANNING

Saturday, May 13: "Community Program Planning Workshop," sponsored by Farmington Youth Assistance, offers seminars in techniques and training of volunteers for programs to combat juvenile delinquency in the community, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church, Eleven Mile and Farmington Road. Reservations are requested by calling the FYA office, 476-3840.

MILDRED WILDE

Sunday, May 14: "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wilde," staged by Village Players in the Players Playhouse, 752

Chestnut, Birmingham, as a benefit for Waldorf Kinder House. Tickets available by calling the Kinder house, 622-0102.

FARMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 16: Farmington Area Arts Commission regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in Farmington City Hall, 26300 Liberty. Open to all interested persons.

SPRING ROUNDUP

Tuesday, May 16: Spring Roundup, open house in Farmington Coop Nursery School, 3501 Holsted, north of Eleven Mile, for 35 year olds and their parents to see the facilities and meet the teachers, from 1:45-3 p.m. No charge.

HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL

Thursday, May 18: Bus leaves the Farmington Community Center at 7:30 a.m. for a full day of sightseeing in Holland, Mich. Tickets at \$29 include lunch and dinner, now on sale in the center.

GARAGE SALE

Thursday and Friday, May 18-19: Garage sale, sponsored by North Farmington Garden Club at the residence of Mary Ann Gasser, 30069 Valley Side, in Canterbury Commons subdivision. Thirteen Mile between

Orchard Lake and Farmington Road, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

POPPY DAYS

Thursday and Friday, May 18-19: Brodhead Farmington Hills Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary join volunteers across the nation to sell poppies to benefit veterans' hospitals, on all major street intersections, all day, each day.

CHANGING

Thursday, May 18: "Changing," by Liv Ultman, continues adult informal book discussions in Farmington Community Library on Liberty at 10 a.m. Roz Narbutas will take inquiries about books for future discussions by calling her at the library, 474-7770.

CENTER'S ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 18: Farmington Community Center's annual meeting at 8 p.m. in the center, on Farmington Road, north of Ten Mile, for committed readers and election of new members to the board of directors. Open to all persons who have contributed to the center in this fiscal year.

FLOWER AND SHRUB SALE

Friday and Saturday, May 19-20: Annual flower and shrub sale sponsored by Farmington Beautification

Committee in Farmington Downtown Center, on Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (See feature article on the sale in this issue of Suburban Life.)

ART AUCTION

Friday, May 19: Art Auction, coordinated by Park West Galleries sponsored by Beechview Elementary School PTO, in the school gym, 38240 Westmead, begins with preview at 7 p.m. Donation of \$1 asked at the door.

NOVIE ICE SHOW

Friday and Saturday, May 19-20: Novie Ice Show, in the Novi Ice Arena, on Friday at 8 p.m.; on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children available by calling the arena box office, 349-9180.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21: Spring Arts and Crafts Festival, showing the works of 150 artists and craftsmen, with food, music and demonstrations, sponsored by U-M Artists and Craftsmen's Guild on the grounds of Farmington Community Center from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. No admission charge.

Wellsley alums stage garden tour

By MARGE ALPERN

One of the gardens scheduled for this year, Birmingham Wellsley Club's garden tour, is a combination of all that's rare and beautiful in the plant kingdom. Every year, the growers, for great tropical vines that drape over an indoor swimming pool, he has brought together many unusual specimens.

This annual fundraising benefit for Wellsley College will be Wednesday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. There will be trained hostesses from the club to escort visitors through five local gardens.

Mrs. James W. Fox and Mrs. Carlton A. Rassmussen, co-chairwomen said that the guides will help make the event pleasant and informative.

We may not all be able to provide an indoor pool as a background for a collection of tropical plants, but it is

exciting to see how the homeowner has incorporated it into his living space—an area normally thought of as an "outdoor environment."

In this indoor-outdoor garden, ferns, vines, orchids, fuchsias and phalaenopsis are very much at home.

In the outdoor garden, weeping white pine, pygmy Norway spruce, 10 varieties of birch, hollies and innumerable chamaecyparis can be seen.

The homeowner-gardener believes we gardeners could be more adventurous and risk trying something new.

Instead of always using the familiar evergreens, he suggests experimenting with the little known chamaecyparis (pronounced kam-ee-sip-ar-is).

"SMMIES" AS THEY ARE NICK-NAMED, are the backbone of a dwarf evergreen collection. These charming specimens generally are slow growing

and tend to stay rather compact. They should be considered especially for the small garden although there are some varieties which grow into large trees.

Many forms of chamaecyparis are hardy in Michigan, but most forms have been neglected by gardeners because few nurseries stock them. They are available at Goldner-Walsh in Birmingham, the Home Garden in Inkster and Bonfield's in Rochester. Although they might seem rather expensive, they warrant a try.

This particular homeowner's skill as a sensitive gardener is best expressed in the fine art of bonsai. He works with conifers and deciduous material to create "tray trees" which is literally what bonsai means.

The desired shape of the miniature specimen is largely induced by patient and expert care. By equalizing top growth to root growth through judicious pruning of both, and by con-

trolled wiring, the bonsai tree becomes a miniature reproduction of nature's mature specimen.

In addition to this garden, there are four others on the Wellsley tour. Mr. and Mrs. Denton Anderson's home has an informal garden with mature trees and a winding stream.

MRI. AND MRS. AVERY GORDON'S HOME has a modified Japanese garden, fish pond and waterfalls and the Way B. Lyon yard is done in the style of an old-fashioned English garden. The Max Fruthau garden, with its naturalized beds of bulbs and wildflowers, will be the scene of a plant sale of perennials, wildflowers and gardener's kneeling pads.

For garden tour tickets, call 487-0326 or 626-3558. Tickets are \$3.50 in advance and \$4 the day of the tour.

Mrs. Charles E. Thelen is president of the Birmingham Wellsley Club.



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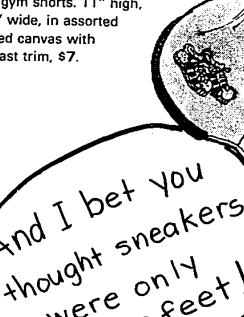
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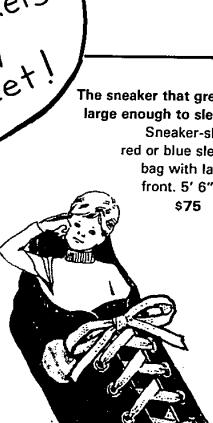
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