



Betty Bock (at left) who retires as president of Farmington Garden Club, admires the tea table for the club's "Presidents' Tea" with Kay Blakeney, who was installed this month to lead the club for the next two years. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

It was a very good 2 years for Farmington Garden Club

Betty Bock turned over the presidency of Farmington Garden Club this month to Kay Blakeney. The event took place during the club's president's tea, which honored past presidents and gave members a review of Ms. Bock's two-year term.

The review was in the form of slides, shown by Marion Hickey, the club photographer, which capsuled the awards, scholarships given, a fledgling club sponsored, services rendered, and spots in the community beautified with flowers.

During the afternoon an honorary membership to the club was given to Emma Cartee, for her outstanding work as a member and certified flower show judge.

Laura Lochbiler, speaking for the club, called the tribute, "a very special honor, something that is not very common here."

Last year, Jan Dolan, who is now mayor of Farmington Hills, received a life membership, "something that has only happened about five times in our history," Mrs. Lochbiler said.

DURING MS. BOCK'S term, the Golden Terra Garden Club was established, with the Farmington Garden Club acting as the parent club. Scholarships were given to four area teachers to attend the Higgins Lake Conservation School to bring back updated ecology information into the classrooms. A contribution of more than \$200 was given to the American Land Trust to help purchase and preserve some of Michigan's natural areas.

Club members planted, then maintained the Farmington Community Center gardens in a joint effort with members of Hill and Dale Garden Club, then bought things which showed the common and botanical name of the plantings.

Floral arrangements were replaced every month in both Farmington Hills and Farmington Community Libraries, and the club made annual contributions to the libraries of \$100 for book purchases.

IN THE AREA of awards, a first prize was taken at the state convention of Federated Garden Clubs in 1978 for the club's year book, which topped the second place spot it took in 1977.

Covers for both were designed by Patrick Forshee, a son of one of the members.

The club took the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Award and the John Bartram Bicentennial Award from the state for its "Journey, Through Time" flower show and Historical Homes Tour.



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A national award, the Blue Rosette, came from the National Council of State Garden Clubs, for "Journey Through Time."

A garden therapy program got off the ground, and "off to an excellent start" Mrs. Lochbiler said, with members working with the residents at Marian Oakland West. "Our members look forward to each month's visit," she said, "making flower arrangements, planting outside garden, and inside glass gardens."

BARBARA BENTON, Ms. Bock's second vice president is heading up

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the club's standard flower show for 1978, set Aug. 26.

The show is called "From Adam's Rib to Woman's Lib" and will be a tribute to women. The show will be given in conjunction with a boutique, offering all hand-crafted items, made by the members, open to the community in Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

In addition to club committeemen, Ms. Benton has the assistance of the club's 20-member Junior Gardeners, led by Yolanda Cermak.

During the club's 1978-80 season,

Mrs. Blakeney's vice presidents will be Adelaide Daly, Peggy Marttila, Barbara Denton, and Gene Arns.

Other officers installed were Eileen Penn, Pam Correll and Bobbie Armstrong.

Hostess chairman for the day was Betty Lindsay. She was assisted by Audrey Buelteman, Catherine Burke, Adelaide Daly, Marion Hickey, Norma Peters, Harriet Rheasume and Carolyn Wojtowicz.

The elegant tea table, graced with pink and white peonies and beauty bush branches on a pink cloth was the work of Ms. Daly.



Barbara Denton, chairwoman of Farmington Garden Club's August show called "From Adam's Rib to Women's Lib," looks over some of the hand-created

items that will go up for sale at a boutique which will be held in conjunction with the standard flower show. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

FLIP: The answer to nothing-to-do summer blues

By LORRAINE McCLISH

An oasis of pleasure to relieve the hot, dull days ahead, is on tap and ready to go for Farmington and Farmington Hills parents who want to gather up 30-40 neighborhood youngsters for a backyard party.

FLIP is making a return engagement. The Farmington Library Instant Party that lived up past summer days for area youth is available for the asking on Mondays and Fridays. Parents act as hosts and furnish the kids. The library supplies the party.

All FLIP activities interrelate with library materials which subtly encourage the children to keep reading and keep using the library facilities.

THE LIVE story presentation, given by the library staff, for this summer is called "The Pudding that Broke Up the Preaching," followed by singing fun-songs.

A skit called "Jogging" promises a few surprises the staff is not revealing before party-time.

Young guests will be invited to make a space creature with a folding and cutting paper project. Even if it's a

sunny day, the performers will generate a thunderstorm. Then there are amusing films to wind up the party.

The library lists a few, with important guidelines for the hosts to follow.

DENICE ALBRECHT, children's librarian in the Farmington Hills Community Library, said, "The sponsors need to publicize their FLIP, by passing out notices or making phone calls, so that all neighborhood children over 3 years of age can get in on the fun."

The libraries are adamant that no admission be charged.

A garage, or other darkened area, is needed, and so are both inside and outside electrical outlets.

Hosts may choose, if they wish, to serve simple refreshments, which will not be furnished by the library.

Appointments for FLIP are being taken now. First FLIP is set for July 10. They continue, on Mondays and Fridays, through Aug. 10.

Persons living north of Eleven Mile are asked to call the Farmington Hills Community Library at 553-0300. Persons living south of Eleven Mile are asked to call the Farmington Branch at 474-7770.

Larkshire students are top beautifiers

Students at Larkshire Elementary School took the first place trophy for their efforts in improving their environment from the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission. The traveling trophy was presented during their assembly at the end of the school year.

At similar assemblies in the school district, students from William Grace Elementary School won the second place trophy and students from Shawnee took the third place award.

This is the sixth year the commission has publicly recognized the youngsters for their efforts at clean-up, planting and improving the general appearance of their surroundings. The programs were tied in with their regular classes.



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Activity center gets push

A proposed Summer Activity Center for Farmington area youth got a big push from Chris Franchi and other teens from Farmington Youth Assistance's new Youth Involvement Committee. Teens spent a Saturday washing cars with all proceeds marked to get their own center, set to open about mid-July, on its way. It was the first event scheduled by the Youth Involvement Committee, formed to help the young get involved in community affairs. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)