

Books a gardener will like

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Your holiday season isn't complete unless you do some shopping in downtown Birmingham in the evening.

There are blocks and blocks of decorated trees with Italian lights. "How Beautiful" seems to be typical reaction. If you enjoy strolling, you might like to arrive around midnight when there are few distractions. It gives you the "I'm glad to be alive" feeling.

If you have gardeners on your gift list here are a few books which I investigated and recommend:

"Michigan Wildflowers," by Helen Smith, published by Cranbrook in the bookstores, \$15. We have had this book for many years. There are a few colored pictures. Our rule on the farm was that if you saw a particular wildflower

you had the privilege of coloring the flower with crayons so eventually the book is filled with colored prints.

"The Best Plant Book Ever," by George Seddon, Rand McNally, \$7.95, is a good resource book.

"HOME ORCHID GROWING," Northern, Van Nostrand-Reinhold, \$22.50, will open up news paths of study and broaden horizons for the gardener interested in orchids.

"Foliage House Plants," by James Crockett, Time-Life Books, \$8.95. Exceptionally good with a full coverage on all facets of successful indoor plant care.

"How To Build Your Own Greenhouse," by Elvin McDonald, \$15.00,

should please the many folks in our town who aspire to owning a greenhouse. Labor is a big item in the construction. If you have a handyman under your roof he will welcome this book.

Whatever you do don't place the greenhouse on the north side of your house. After the experience of having one, plan on some space in the greenhouse for sitting to wallow in this beauty and giving you a spot for enjoying that morning paper and coffee.

"Field Guide To The Birds," by Roger Tory Peterson, National Audubon Society, \$6.90, is an evergreen in the book world. Whoever met a gardener who didn't enjoy birds? This author is the recognized world authority.

"MINIATURE PLANTS, Indoors and Out," by Jack Kramer, Scribner, \$3.95, is well written and illustrated. It gives good ideas for the outdoor planting of miniature plants so you can create pockets of beauty.

"Complete Guide to Gardening," Better Homes and Gardens, \$19.95, is strong on landscape ideas and includes a full package of the garden story.

"Houseplant And Indoor Landscape Architecture," by Muriel Orans, Countryside, \$3.95, gives many ideas on using your plants for indoor beautification as well as their care.

Next week we will talk about other categories of gifts for the practicing gardener.

Community Calendar

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 17: Registration continues for children aged 3-5 in Farmington Public School's Community Education Development Program for classes which begin the week of Jan. 7. Parents have options of times and dates. Inquiries taken by calling Fairview Early Childhood Center, 626-8335.

SMALL WONDERS

Monday, Dec. 17: "Small Wonders," show of miniature works of art in several media continues in Garret Gallery, 33310 Grand River, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Exhibit remains through Dec. 31.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Monday, Dec. 17: Christmas trees sold by Farmington Area Jaycees to benefit Farmington Area Advisory Council and Farmington Branch YMCA, from noon to 10 p.m. every day through Dec. 24, on Grand River, one half mile east of Farmington Road, next to Burger King.

GOOD HEALTH CARE

Monday, Dec. 17: "The Dos and Don'ts of Good Health Care" series continues with lecture and discussion on arthritis at 7 p.m. in Rooms 202-203, Botsford General Hospital's Professional Building, immediately to the

west and adjacent to the hospital on Grand River, west of Eight Mile Road. Series sponsored by the hospital as a public service. No charge.

HOT LINE TO THE NORTH POLE

Monday through Friday, Dec. 17-21: Hot Line to the North Pole open for calls to Santa Claus by dialing 478-TOYS from 4-6 p.m. each day. Program sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with The Gathering Place.

A STAR SHALL COME FORTH

Wednesday, Dec. 19: "A Star Shall Come Forth," Christmas story told in

song and narration by the adult choir of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, at 7:30 p.m. in the church, 28000 New Market, near Farmington and 12 Mile Roads. No charge.

SANTA CLAUS LUNCHEON

Saturday, Dec. 22: Santa Claus luncheon includes visits with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Christmas Carol, one of Santa's elves and a magician with his bag of tricks, at noon in Roman Terrace, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads. Spaghetti lunch at \$3.95 for adults, or \$1.95 for children. Reservations are suggested by calling the restaurant, 851-4094.

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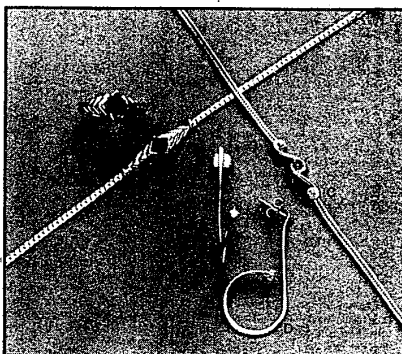
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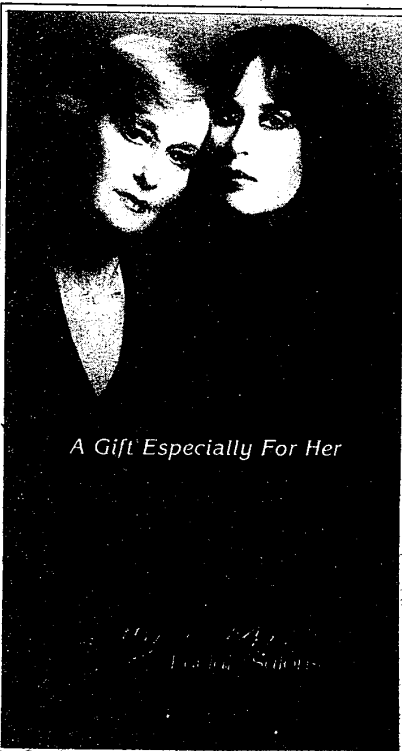
warm matching knits
use bright multi-colors
to say "Ski the USA".

Cross-country good advice that's repeated on all three coordinates. Eye-catching as well as soft, snug and cozy in acrylic knit; ready for the fast downhill run into winter. On navy or white ground. Cuffed cap in one size to fit girls 5 to 12 years of age, \$5. 48" long scarf wraps warmly, with multi-colored fringe, \$6. Mittens sized M and L, \$3.



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