



down to earth
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Fringe benefits go with gardening

Gardening makes an especially good interest for the masculine touch. It provides a change of pace from the whirl of business routine. When you garden the area around the shoulder blades begins to relax (maybe that's where we carry our cares). It is also good wholesome exercise. You miss it in the wintertime.

Often your columnist goes outdoors when home tied to a typewriter and just breathes a series of deep breaths. Gardening provides a good escape from the problems of the day.

At Duke University's Highland Hospital in Asheville, N.C. there is a greenhouse which the patients maintain. They are quick to say it tranquilizes and refreshes.

Too many times we bottle up our feelings and later blow a fuse in the

form of a heart attack or an ulcer. Our greenhouse at Cranbrook is a haven for those who enjoy the relaxation of an indoor garden. Men and women are welcome to come there as garden auxiliary members and take their "winter medicine" by working among the exotic plants from all over the country for the Cranbrook Greenhouse. Some people collect stamps, others baseball cards or antiques but Ed scans each locality for a good greenhouse to visit.

SAIKEI IS A CATEGORY of Japanese plant art. To participate you develop an entire scene in a pot which can be wider than it is high. You collect tree seedlings, rocks and moss and proceed to harmoniously combine them to create a scene. If you wish an exotic curve on a branch you can wire it in the bonsai manner.

If you plant a miniature tree you should prune, a little, the tops and roots to promote a "push start." Don't end up with a typical Florida dish garden. Instead, strive toward a composition which is well balanced and not too busy in design. Have it your idea.

For your Saiskei dish you would select a small leaf plant. On one side of the composition you might have three trees placed like a grove while on the other side of the composition an appropriate grouping of rocks with moss.

SOMETIMES A FLAT ROCK, if it has a hollow on the surface, can be used for the planting of a succulent. If you can't find moss you could use hay, bryars, (Helix solitro) but anybody with a greenhouse generally has a lot of moss or baby ferns to spare.

Maybe some of you have not heard of

carnivorous plants. There are more than 400 in this category. These plants eat their food. When a growing tip of this plant is touched it closes up and devours the insect.

These are primarily bog plants and grow in sand or moss. It is the protein of the insect which is the food for the plant. Never fertilize these plants and when watering use distilled water or water which has been drawn 24 hours previously and suit is allowed to stand to release gases. Carnivorous plants like to be in a humid setting, therefore you could enclose them in a greenhouse planter.

This category has fans from all over the world. The national headquarters is at the Plant Oddities Club, Basking Ridge, N.J. I can just imagine you hurrying home to get some insects for your carnivorous plant's dinner.

Local artist will join 125 in Sholem Aleichem show

Farmington Hills artist Ceil Surbrook returns to Sholem Aleichem Institute's annual art show this year, scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8-10, in Shenandoah Country Club.

She has been invited to show her works for the third consecutive year, an invitation she accepts "with a lot of enthusiasm because it's a highly juried

show and a big compliment to be asked."

Ms. Surbrook will show pen and ink drawings, watercolors and collages. The award-winner is vice president of Farmington Artists Club and teaches children in classes at the Livonia Y and Apogee Gallery in Canton.

Most recently she joined Garret Gallery and Studios as co-owner of Farm-

ington's only cooperative gallery where guests are invited to browse as well as watch the artist-owners at work.

SHOLEM ALEICHEM continues its annual show and sale with its standing philosophy of "showing the works of Michigan's finest artists at affordable prices." The February event will be the 17th show bringing together quality works in a wide variety of media.

Friday evening from 8-10 p.m. is "Sit and Shop" night. Saturday evening door prizes will be given, all of which are original art works donated by the exhibiting artists.

Shenandoah Country Club is at 5600 Walnut Lake Rd., between Farmington and Drake roads in West Bloomfield. Show hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Donation of \$1 will be asked at the door, which includes refreshments.



CEIL SURBROOK

Pulitzer winner tackles textbooks

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author Frances Fitzgerald will deliver the keynote address to a two-day conference on the evaluation and selection of social studies textbooks for elementary and secondary school students.

Sponsored by the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Division of Education, the conference is open to teachers, administrators and parents. It will be held on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 7-8 in the Fair Lane Conference Center (former Henry Ford mansion) on the UM-D campus.

Ms. Fitzgerald, whose book "Fire in the Lake" is a comprehensive history of the Vietnam war, has recently turned her attention toward a study of social

science textbooks used in elementary and secondary education.

In her most recent book, "America Revised," Fitzgerald notes that on an average of every five years textbook accountings of history change to accommodate the thinking of the times and whims of the marketplace.

"What sells best goes into the text," she says, adding that this has been a trend in American textbooks for the past 50 years.

Further information on conference registration, credit and fees may be obtained by contacting Prof. Kachaturoff at (313) 593-3064.

Petachenko takes seat on chiropractic board

Dr. Philip Petachenko, whose offices are located at 24100 Drake Road, is the first Farmington-based chiropractor to be appointed to the Michigan Board of Chiropractic. The Farmington Hills resident succeeds Dr. Harry Bondhouse of Kalamazoo for a term which expires Dec. 31, 1983.



DR. PHILIP PETACHENKO

Petachenko is a life-long resident of Michigan, born in Hamtramck, and a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic, in Davenport, Iowa. He has been in practice in Michigan since 1952, and practiced in Farmington and Farmington Hills since 1968.

He and his wife, Dolores, have two children. Tamara Petachenko teaches special education in Holly, Mich. Their son, Philip, is associated with his father in the local clinic.

Petachenko is a member of the International Chiropractic Association, the Farmington Elks and is a 32nd degree Mason. He is a Shriner in the Moslem Temple and has been appointed to that group's Medical Corps this year.

He currently serves as chairperson

of the Cripple Children's Committee for the Greater Farmington Shrine Club and is a member of the Moslem Yacht Club.

Oakland Arts Trio featured in concert

The Royal Unity Temple of Royal Oak will be the setting for a Feb. 8 concert featuring the Oakland Arts Trio. The musicians are: Douglas Cornelien, clarinet; Joseph Goldman, violin; and Stanley Hollingsworth, piano.

Cornelien holds a bachelors and masters in music, is a principal clarinetist with the Bloomfield Symphony, clarinetist with the Detroit Woodwind Chamber Players and a member of the music faculties of Oakland and Wayne State universities. He has appeared as soloist with the Detroit Symphony and has been a guest lecturer on clarinet at the University of Michigan.

Gustave Rousseels. He has been soloist with the Detroit Symphony on several occasions, including performances in Carnegie Hall in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and has won a number of violin competitions.

GOLDMAN HAS BEEN Detroit Symphony assistant concertmaster since 1974. He has studied with Tiborius Klausner, Paul Mekanowitzy and

Hollingsworth is composer-in-residence at Oakland University. He studied piano with Harold Logan, composition with Gian Carlo Menotti and Darius Milhaud. He has been the recipient of the Prix de Rome award, a Guggenheim Fellowship and two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

HE COMPOSED "La Grande Breteche," an opera commissioned by NBC, served as stage director for companies in Vienna, Austria, Ankara, Turkey and at the Festival of Two Worlds in.

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