

club circuit

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES, Farmington Area Chapter, is represented by Pat Hohl and Eileen Landry during the group's 17th annual International Conference this week. The conference runs through March 1 in Milwaukee, Wisc.

The next Parent Group Meeting, sponsored by the association is scheduled for 8 p.m. March 27 in Farmington Community Library.

Next general meeting is set for Thursday, April 24, when Dr. Karen Urbschat will be the guest speaker.

Membership inquiries will be taken

by calling the chapter president, Alice Kanan, 476-5816.

INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY of Metropolitan Detroit is a participant to the Landscape and Garden Show in Tel-12 Mall, Telegraph and 12 Mile roads, Southfield, which runs

through Sunday, March 9 during regular mall hours.

Club member Alice Aldrich displays and talks about African violets at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, during the show. And club member Ron Brenton talks about plant propagation at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8 during the show.

Guests are invited to the society's next meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the mall's community room. Subject for discussion that evening is "Lilies in the Home."

PHI-MU ALUMNAE celebrate its 128th anniversary with a luncheon at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2, in the West Bloomfield home of Hope Weingart, 2935 Woodland Ridge.

A brief ceremony will honor the society's founders and all 25-year members of the chapter.

Reservations are requested by calling Kathy Cleveland, 394-0406.

DETROIT WEST SUBURBAN ALUMNAE OF ALPHA PHI invite all area Alpha Phi alumnae to a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 3, in the Northville home of Mrs. Peter Albertson, 15736 Robinwood Dr.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Paula Skuratowicz, a nutritionist who will demonstrate and lecture on the subject of healthy foods.

The group has just completed its annual fund raising lollipop sales and will donate \$1,300 to local hospitals for cardiac equipment.

A big boost for the fund raiser came from Elais Big Boy restaurants.

Inquiries about the group will be taken by calling Terry Leland, 478-8321.

BETA SIGMA PHI, Xi Epsilon Beta chapter, will be hosted by Martha Feiler for its 8 p.m. meeting Tuesday, March 4.

Membership inquiries will be taken by calling Margaret Pringle, 553-2993.

FARMINGTON MUSICALS, an affiliate of the National and Michigan Federation of Music Clubs ask prospective members to inquire about membership by calling Fern Barber, 661-4604.

"We've found a way to beat the winter blues: good music two or three times monthly," said Mrs. L.P. Smith, Jr.

The musicale meets next at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in St. John American Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Rd., Farmington.

Guest artist Portia Thede, cellist with Lansing Symphony Orchestra and a member of Howell Music Club, will perform cello works by Haydn, Faure, and Beethoven. She will be accompanied by pianist Sue McCallum.

Contralto Helen Anderson, a musical member and student of Barbara Windham, will sing works by Mozart, Handel, Berger, Warlock, Quilter and Barber. She will be accompanied by pianist Shirley Strey.

After the music program, members will elect officers for the 1980-81 season.

Understanding new and old fabrics

There was a time when one could identify the fiber content of a fabric by feeling it. Not so anymore. Some man-made fibers have been developed to simulate the feel of natural fibers so that today one must rely upon government labels to determine content.

Fibers are classified according to natural and man-made. The following is a clarification and detection of various fibers on the market today.

WOOL — probably the most important natural fiber, you can almost recognize it by its price tag. Wool is resilient, a good insulator, and can be woven fine or coarse, loose or tight. It can be dyed from pale to deep colors. It cleans well, resists dirt, and can absorb up to 20 percent of its weight without feeling damp.

SILK — the most beautiful fiber, it is soft, lustrous yet strong. It takes and holds dyes well, but is sensitive to the sun's rays. The cost is high and the fiber is scarce.

LEATHER — not a fiber, it is an animal product that has long been for household purposes both for utility and beauty. It is pliable, durable, and may be used in natural color or dyed. Very expensive.

COTTON — it is the most plentiful of the natural fibers, and the most inexpensive. It takes and holds colors well, washes and is extremely versatile.

LINEN — it is the most ancient of all fibers. Linen is strong and pliable. It washes, takes and holds colors, but beware of the wrinkles. If chemically treated, wear potential is reduced.

MINERAL — metallic fabric is used chiefly as accent in decorative fabrics. It glitters without tarnishing and is washable if used in washable fabrics.

There are literally hundreds of trade names for man-made fibers making it virtually impossible for the consumer to recognize them all. Always read the label to be sure what you are getting. There are 18 man-made fibers in use today.

ACETATE AND RAYON — oldest, foremost and most indispensable of the man-made fibers. Acetate is used in shower curtains, drapery, and upholstery fabrics. It is quick drying, drapes well, holds its shape well. Nonfading, but not washable.

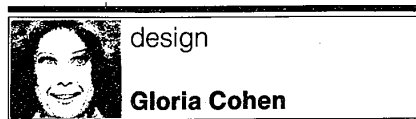
RAYON — used in upholstery, curtain and drapery, rugs and in many blends for other purposes. It is soft, relatively inexpensive, has resistance to sun fading, and heat. Durability is excellent, wrinkle resistance and dimensional stability are fair. It is often washable.

NYLON — one of the first synthetic fibers to be widely accepted, it is used for floor coverings, drapery, upholstery and clothing. Nylon is tough, durable, washable, quick drying, resists abrasion, needs little ironing, holds shape and resists wrinkling and mildew. It is reasonable in price.

POLYMER NYLON — a chemical fiber with a makeup similar to nylon but with more versatile properties. It is used for drapes and walls and is said to outperform any existing synthetic in washability, wrinkle resistance, and ease of care. It doesn't shrink. It resembles silk in luster, weight, drapability, and color. It may be washed or dry cleaned and can be ironed on low heat. A trade name is Qiana.

ACRYLIC — used for rugs, carpets, curtains, upholstery and has a luxurious and soft hand which is more like wool than any of the other man-made fibers. It is resilient, quick drying, long wearing, doesn't shrink, sag or stretch. Colors are exceptionally rich. Pilling depends on quality.

MODACRYLIC — used in furry type rugs, blends in carpets, and drapery fabrics. It is noted for built-in, permanent flame resistance. It resists breaking, cracking, or splintering in use. Color retention is good and ease of care is offered with good spot and stain resistance. It has excellent crease retention. Washing is recommended, it doesn't



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dry-clean as well.

POLYESTER — used in curtains, drapery, upholstery, rugs, carpets, clothing, and you name it. It is strong and has excellent drip-dry and quick dry qualities. It resists wrinkles, sunlight, and mildew. It is used as filling for comforters and pillows. It gives

quick drying washability and is nonallergenic.

OLEFIN — originally used mainly for kitchen and outdoor carpets, it has now invaded the upholstery fabric market and is growing in popularity. Its durability and soil-resistant quality make it desirable for heavy-use furniture.

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