

The lively needle Scent-sible stitches

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Regardless of the groundhog, spring has arrived officially. Here's a flower basket sachet to smell

NMU alumni plan reunion

Northern Michigan University alumni in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties will hold a dinner-dance with the NMU Board of Control at 6 p.m. Friday, March 30 in the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Guests at the program will include board members E. Harwood Rydholm of Union Lake, vice president of civic affairs for Chrysler Corp., former Detroit Edison President Edwin O. George, and NMU President John J. Jamrich.

Following the dinner program, dance music will be played by Murray White's All-Stars.

Northern, located in Marquette, has 2,400 alumni in the tri-county area. Its present student enrollment of 9,500 includes 2,278 from the metropolitan Detroit area.

Tickets for the dinner may be obtained from Larry Hassel, president of the NMU Detroit Alumni Club, by calling 646-1380.

St. Mary's invites visitors

A prospective student weekend will be held at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, on Sunday and Monday, April 1 and 2.

Open to high school seniors and community college students, the weekend will begin on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Students will have dinner, see a performance of the Skarga Society drama, "The Lark," and join in a social.

On Monday, they will visit classes and then engage in a question-answer session.

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like summer and remind us that snow won't last forever.

The sachet, as pictured, measures 3 1/4 inches square on 14-mesh needlepoint canvas. You'll need two colors of stranded needlepoint yarn for the basket, and a third color for the background. I used two tones of green against pale yellow.

You'll also need embroidery floss or perle cotton in flower colors, sachet sewn into a little pillow of recycled nylon stocking, fabric for backing, and polyester fiberfill to puff things up.

Stitch the basket as diagramed, in two colors. Fill in the background with basketweave. Edge the needlepoint with Upright Gobelin stitch in your darker basket color. The edge should be worked over two threads, like the handle of the basket.

Fill the basket with blossoms. Flowers can be worked in French knots in various weights of yarn, floss, knitting worsted or silk.

Try beads, sequins or felt circles, cut out with a paper punch. Make flowers as large, small, colorful or monochromatic as you wish. Allow some to spill down the sides of the basket; don't mass them all on top of it.

When finished, cut off all but five threads of excess canvas on each side. Slit backing around all four corners, right sides together, but leave one side unsewn.

Turn sachet inside out, insert sachet pillow and stuff with fiberfill until the puffiness pleases you. Hand stitch the open sides together, and you're through.

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Money-saving tips are in OU courses

The Oakland University Division of Continuing Education will offer money-saving and job-related non-degree courses during spring term, which begins the week of April 9.

On Monday evenings beginning April 9, Contractor-builder Gustave A. Rener II, of Grosse Pointe, who specializes in restoring old homes, will present a practical approach for homeowners who want to adapt older dwellings to modern living or to preserve historic houses.

Also, a three-session crash course on how to fight inflation by controlling your economic future through the best use of your particular savings, insurance, investment and retirement programs, will be presented by financial counselor Isabel P. Smith of Birmingham.

On Thursday evenings beginning April 12 a course titled How To Photograph a Wedding will offer an opportunity to learn with an expert before the onset of the bridal season. George A. Luenberger, a leading wedding photographer in the Rochester area, will guide participants through a mock wedding from home through reception, helping them to create a sample wedding album.

In another course, a professional honey producer will instruct First Lessons in Beekeeping, a fast-growing avocation which provides a healthy and cost-cutting measure for the food budget.

ON THURSDAY, May 17, Arthur J. Lake, of Lake Jewelers in Birmingham, will conduct a four-week evening

course on Diamonds and Gemstones. Lake will discuss the color, cut, and clarity of diamonds and gemstones in relation to their value, and diamonds as investments. Participants will use gemscopes to study various precious stones. Enrollment is limited.

Free seminars introductory to spring term small business courses will be conducted on campus Wednesdays, April 4 and 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and on Saturday, April 7, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The small business management courses, which will be held Wednesdays for 10 weeks beginning April 18, will cover How To Start and Run A Small Business and Money Management.

ADDITIONAL business and investment courses include How To Make Real Estate Investments, on Mondays, and on Guidelines for Purchasing a Home, Successful Commodity Futures, Trading, and Leasing and Landlording, on Thursdays.

Job-related courses will be offered for those in management at basic, advanced and executive levels, including a new course, Manager as Leader.

A 10-week course in electrocardiography, for those interested in qualifying as an EKG technician, will be offered evenings beginning Thursday, April 12. Other courses will be offered for medical office assistants as well as for legal assistants and those working as plastics technicians.

For a brochure detailing the courses and for information about the free small business seminars, call the Continuing Education office, 377-3120.

Top fitness person sought

The top physical fitness person in Michigan is sought for a special award by the State Health Department's Michigan Council on Physical Fitness and Health.

Last year, Joyce Tice, a physical education teacher from Kent City, and Lloyd Morgan, a physical fitness director from Detroit, received the Governor's Physical Fitness and Health Award during halftime of the Michigan-Arizona football game.

Persons eligible for the award are those who have demonstrated a maxi-

mum effort in the development of, or participation in, programs of physical fitness and health in Michigan and are residents of the state.

Nominations for the honor must be mailed to the Council by April 6, 1979. When submitting a nomination, print or type the person's name, address, telephone number, and his or her qualifications in 250 words or less.

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