

Beautifiers' flower and shrub sale set May 16-17

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

Joanne McShane and Rick Hatfield head up the City of Farmington Beautification Committee's annual spring sale of flowers and shrubs Friday and Saturday, May 15-16, around the fountain in downtown Farmington Shopping Center.

Sale hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, but if the weekend sale follows the history of passed sales, the city beautifiers will be sold out long before the stated closing hour.

"We always think we're going to use the leftovers for planting around the city," said Jackie Steur, chairman of the beautification committee, "but it's never happened. Our customers are waiting while the delivery truck is being unloaded and last year we were packed up and gone by noon on Saturday."

"I think I've had about a dozen calls

so far this spring asking me when the sale is going to be."

THE COMMITTEE started its every-May sale six years ago to encourage residents to pretty up their lawns and yards by offering shrubs and flats of flowers at extremely low prices.

"We were aiming for customers who had business places around town who could use some pretty-ing up. We even called a couple of them, told them our prices and got them to come over," Ms. Steur said.

The committee now uses the sale as a fund-raising venture, but prices are

still low enough "so there is no excuse for any one not having a bit of color in their yards to make our city more attractive," she said.

Perennials are the most popular sale of the varieties must previous customers have requested: phlox, hens and chicks, petunias, marigolds, and daisies.

Big sellers in the shrub category such as viburnum and rhododendrons will be back along with two varieties that were requested in abundance last spring: vinca, generally used in hanging baskets, and spike, most commonly used for flower arrangements.

"I'M PRETTY knowledgeable in the area of begonias, or impatiens, or telling customers what to use for shade or other certain areas in their yard," Ms. Steur said.

"But this year we'll have a real expert on hand to help the customers with any gardening question."

Hatfield, from Springbrook Gardens, will be on hand from 6-9 p.m. Friday to answer the questions.

"He's a real authority and we're lucky to have him. I would advise any one with a gardening problem to talk to him between those hours," Ms. Steur said.



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Franklin Knolls Women's Club hosts a clairvoyant

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Franklin Knolls Women's Club closed its season this spring by hosting the Rev. Lynn Tucker, a spiritualist, to furnish the afternoon program and do a

bit of prognosticating for the guests.

"I'm not here to convert you," said the clairvoyant who has just chartered a spiritualist church in Detroit. "But I do want to tell you we are not fortune tellers."

"Spiritualism encompasses science, philosophy and religion. This is our Trinity of Spiritualism."

He added, however, "We don't have many who come to us looking for high

and lofty thoughts to make their lives better. Most are looking for a right-now answer to material every-day things and right-now answers to a problem."

"But I will tell you this: When we do

help these people, a good many of them will reach out for a better understanding of those who bring us directions from the other side of life."

TUCKER IS adamant in his belief that the power to reach spiritual guides, who are those who have made the change called death, is within everyone. He likens this ability to a skill that may be developed in everyone.

Some go into trance to do this. Some perceive messages audibly. Others, as Tucker, perceive clairvoyantly, through sight.

"I see people, or a scene, just as clearly as I am seeing you now," he told his audience.

"Some are born with this ability to see a photo on the brain, picture images without the eye," he continued, "but the medium's sensitivity to vibrations in the spirit world can be developed."

Tucker "put himself into the vibrations" of nearly everyone of about 50 women in the room, sometimes volunteering information of the person's past; sometimes answering questions through his spirit guide, sometimes cautioning about things to come.

He consistently asked for "proof of what I am telling you, as I must be reassured that I get things to you and your vibration."

He said in private consultation, if the client doesn't recognize something valid in the past or present he or she is told, Tucker will refuse to go on because the vibrations are mixed.

AS FOR QUESTIONS from the floor pertaining to illnesses, Tucker said without reservation, "There is no condition that cannot be cured. It is your inherent right to be healed."

"More than 90 percent of one's negative conditions are psychological. Send

out a negative thought and its going to boomerang right back to you."

To counter the negative physical condition, his advice is to "Visualize yourself, or the party with the disease in as happy a state as you can possibly imagine."

Franklin Knolls Women's Club installed its new officers this month with Kay May heading the slate as president for the coming term. Her vice president is Merce Rakestraw.

Other new officers are Lyda Whaley, Elaine Rittler and Kitty Jones.

The club is now 22 years old, formed with a goal for members' participation in social, cultural and philanthropic activities.

"How well that goal was reached is indicated by the growth of our club and the expansion of our activities," said member Dorothy Koevar.

In addition to monthly programs, the club sponsors offshoot groups for bridge, pinocle, crafts, gourmet dining, bowling and golf interests.

"We meet for fun and enrichment," Mrs. Koevar said, "but we also commit ourselves to improving conditions in our community. We have groups that help World Medical Relief and in the pre-Christmas season we gather gifts those in local nursing homes."

The club sponsors one major fund-raiser a year, a spring fashion show, with proceeds slated for a specific local charity.

For the past two years New Horizons of Farmington was the chosen recipient.

A check from this spring's affair will go to the Greater Farmington Association for Retarded Citizens.

Membership inquiries will be taken by Mrs. May at 682-4466.

Tucker will take inquiries about his church, lessons in psychic development or private consultation by calling him at 885-2168.



The Rev. Lynn Tucker explained the philosophy of his spiritualist church then answered questions or told about things to come through his spirit guide, for an afternoon hosted by Franklin Knolls Women's

Club. It was the last meeting of the season for club members who wound up their year with a donation given to Greater Association for Retarded Citizens. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Nancy Mudloff

A close up look with pen and ink

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

Nancy Mudloff is proficient in watercolor and drawing, but the current one-woman exhibit of the Farmington artist now hanging in the Farmington Community Library focuses on her work in pen, ink, and pencil.

All take a close up and detailed look at an object, or even part of an object.

"I am more concerned with examining the shapes and details of a small area than a general view of a large

scene," said the member of Farmington Artists Club.

"I want my viewers to stop and examine the shapes and textures of things as I have noticed, recorded, examined and exaggerated them," she said.

"One of my drawings is that of a horse's nest," she continued, "not a nest in a tree in front of a house. Just the nest."

"Another is the reflections on the mirrored part of a building, not the

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whole building with other buildings behind it."

The drawing called "Last Trip to Grandma's" is another example of a close up look, which shows her grandmother's gas and coal burning stove.

"LAST TRIP to Grandma's" was a two-time winner for Mrs. Mudloff in the Farmington Artists Club's spring show and the now has 12 inch by 18 inch reproductions of the drawing available for sale.

One piece of her work that has gotten a lot of circulation through the Farmington area is the letterhead she created for Farmington Community Center.

Three drawings due for large circulation were those commissioned by Farmington Historical Commission for that group's publication of the area's history.

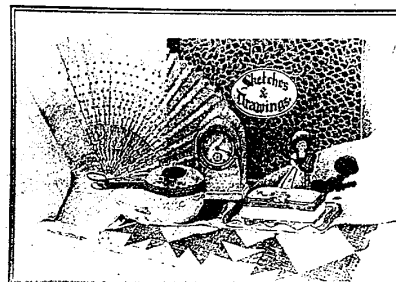
The booklet, expected to be ready for

distribution this summer, will show Mrs. Mudloff's drawings of Botsford Inn, as it was after it was built, the Universalist Church, as it once stood at the corner of Warner and Thomas streets, and The German School, known now as Hill Day School.

The original drawings of these pictures are slated to be framed and hung in Farmington Hills City Hall.

"I WORK IN pencil or in pen and ink," the artist said. "The subject matter usually dictates which media to use as certain textures are rendered more successfully with one media than another."

Mrs. Mudloff carried both a major and minor in art while she was a student at Western Michigan University and her works can now be found in the retail galleries of the Detroit Institute of Arts.



"LITTLE THINGS FROM GRANDMA'S"



"LAST TRIP TO GRANDMA'S"



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