### 'Creativity can be learned,' says OCC instructor

"Activate Your Creativity Poten tial," an eight-week course offered on Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 18 at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, aids participants in breaking out of their creativity doldrums.

"Creativity can be learned," says Natalie Halpern, a West Bloomfield resident who designed the course to de-velop attitudes and abilities to meet challenges creatively.

The course is based on research indi-cating that creativity can be deliber-ately nurtured and is a skill which can be developed, practiced and improved. Ms. Halpern calls the course "a natu-

ral for anyone who wishes to stretch the boundaries of his or her imagina-tion and habitual thought patterns."

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THE FALL session will be the fourth Ms. Halpern has given at OCC, each slightly varied from the last as she brings new information to the sessions. She has been studying creativity as a learned skill for the past five years. A part of her summer was spent at the Creative Problem Solving Institute at University of Buffalo, and she attended the First Global Conference on the Future, in Toronto.

"Change is omnipresent in our live sow and it will become so much more so that the only way to keep society from drowing is to learn how to handle it," she says.

"In even 10 years from now, there will be changes in our institutions, government, technology, economy, and there will be occupations and careers we don't even have names for yet. "But we need never be at the mercy of what befalls us, if we can generate new options and alternatives for ourselves." "What I focus on in my class is stretching," she says. "Going beyond habitual responses. Finding new ways to live effectual lives."

IN A LEARN-by-doing atmosphere, participants are introduced through group and individual activity to tech-niques to activate and reinforce their own creative potential. They learn how to generate and im-



### Matthews Et Al spells out 'The ABC's of fashion'



Straw fruit baskets filled with individually arranged dried wild flowers will serve as table decorations and prizes at Farmington Community Center's fall show, "The ABC's of Fashion." (Photo by Pet Bordman)

Watton, fashion coordinator for Matthews Et Al of Birmingham. The annual show is called "The ABC's of Fashion for the 80's," dubbed by Mrs. Watton who will share her "Authoritative-Becoming-Classic" way to dress this season with her audience.

The event, which is one of the centre's biggest fund raisers, is set for Thursday, Sept. 18 in Vladimirs, 28125 Grand River.

The format is the same as in past years, with dutch-treat coctails served beginning at 11:30 a.m. followed by luncheon; then Farmingion area friends of the center who parade down Trickets at \$10 each are available in the center office now, or from the show's ticket chairwoman. Betty Schwehr, who can be reached by calling 477-8570.

"WOMEN MADE their statement with fashion in the 70's," says Mrs. Watton explaining her Authoritative Becoming Classic philosophy. "Now in the 80's they are not afraid to combine it with feministy." The fashion coordinator who comes to Detroit via Philadephia and New York promises to demonstrate the new ways to mix and match that will label a wardrobe "180". Marge Saindon, manager of Matthews Et Al, promises a lot of the

"Women will love the new neon col-"Women will love the new neon col-ors combined dramatically with blacks and beiges," she said. "One of the new-est dress looks is the 'loat' that will be shown in soft fabries for a loose, flow-ing, very feminine fashion statement." Platids will show up on the fall scene in skirts, many pleated, and wool suits that combine plaid with solids. Blazers will be shorter with a more fitted look.

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"There's a bit of a revival of pants this year in the fashion picture." she said, "and the short cocktail dress is the way to go for evening affairs."

MODELS FOR the show each repre-MODELS FOR the show each repre-sent a Farmington area subdivision. Linda Paulsen comes from Canter-bury Commons, Jo Ann Hutch from Wedgewood Commons and Yvonne Courtney from Kimberly Oaks. Judy Antishin represents Meadowbrook Hills Sally Hungermar. represents Lincholnshire and Sue Sar-dy Chathan Hille.

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Therese Smith models for Independence Commons, Pat Allmen for Rolling
Oaks and Joan Kaltz from Canterbury
Commons.
Kay Blakeney is the fashion show
chairwoman who reminds guests tha
advance reservations are necessary.



Garden clubbers from six local clubs chose a gar-den setting for their joint effort of furnishing deco-rations for the Farmington Community Center benefit this week. Sue Wells, a member of Farmington Hills Farm and Garden Association, joined repre-

sentatives of North Farmington, Farmington, Bots-ford, Hill and Dale and Beechwood Garden Clubs in a workshop to prepare colorful baskets for the event. (Photo by Pat Bordman)

# Frends of the Library

Constitution Week

Quakertown Chaper Daughter of the American Revolution observes Constitution Week (Sept. 17-23) with a display in Farmington Hills Community Li-brary, Mrs. Milton Hopkins (at lett) and Mrs. Harold Dolph add to the display with the gift of the book,

"Edward S. Corwin's The Constitution and What It Means Today." Quakertown joins its sister chapters throughout the nation urging clitzens to take time out during the week to re-read the U.S. Constitution. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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