

community calendar

● **MACLD Thursday, Sept. 24:** Michigan Association of Children with Learning Disabilities, Farmington Chapter, open the 1981-82 season at 7:30 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Dr. Howard Fischer will speak on diet and medication regarding the hyperkinetic child. This meeting is open to guests without charge.

● ONE WOMAN SHOWS

Gertrude Pritz shows her work in the Quiet Room of Farmington Hills Community Library and Monica Lanning exhibits her work in Farmington Community Library in one-woman art shows which remain through Sept. 30.

● MRS. MICHIGAN

Thursday and Saturday, Sept. 24 and 26: Guests are invited to meet Mrs. Michigan, Sally Jane Peterson of Union Lake, from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday in Designs on You, 3510 Grand River in celebration of the store's second anniversary, which includes mystery discounts and refreshments. The Farmington Hills shop has been chosen to dress Mrs. Michigan while she holds the title for the year.

● CLOSET AND RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, Sept. 25: Fall closet and rummage sale sponsored by United Methodist Women of Orchard United Methodist Church, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church basement, 30450 Farmington Road. All proceeds earmarked for world-wide and local missions.

● KICK OFF

Friday, Sept. 25: "Kick Off," first dance of the season sponsored by Fancy Farmers of Farmington Square Dancers begins at 7:45 p.m. in Shiawassee Recreation Center, 30415 Shiawassee Road with caller Chuck McClelland for the squares and Karen Kieglewski for the rounds. Open to guests. Admission will be asked at the door.

● ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Friday through Sunday, Sept. 25-27: Arts and Crafts Fair begins at 10 a.m. each day in VFW Post 2269, 23414 Orchard Lake Road.

● FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, Sept. 26: Local farmers offer fresh vegetables, fruit, eggs, baked goods and some special hand-crafted items from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grounds of Farmington Community Center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

● HEALTH AWARENESS

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27: "Community Health Awareness Weekend," free health fair offers five screenings, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and self defense demonstrations and health education information from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. each day in Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield Outpatient Center, on Maple Road, two miles west of Orchard Lake Road.

● WOMEN'S AWARENESS WEEKEND

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27: "Women's Awareness Weekend," sponsored by Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission begins with 9 a.m. registration Saturday in Glen Oaks Golf Course Clubhouse, 13 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads. Seminar offers 10 workshops to aid women seeking employment information and information on the feminist movement. Fee of \$20 covers both days' activities and lunch asked at the door.

● FINNISH FOLK FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sept. 27: Finnish Folk Festival at 2 p.m. in Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 8 Mile Road, features the Finlandia Male Chorus and various Finnish musical groups, followed by a social hour. Admission is \$1.50 or \$1 for seniors, asked at the door.

● EDEE JOPPICH, WATERCOLOR AND COLLAGE

Wednesday through Thursday, Sept. 23-24: Edee Joppich, shows watercolor and collage at The Gallery, Marygrove College, Fourth Floor. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 2-5 p.m.

● MACHINE APPLIQUE

Monday, Sept. 29: "Machine Applique," one session workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center with Peggy Freeman. Fee is \$6. Registrations taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road.

● SILK FLOWERS

Monday, Sept. 28: Two session workshop instructing how to create silk flowers begins at 11:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center with Mary Foran. Registration information given by calling the center at 477-8404.

● ANTIQUE BABY DOLL

Tuesday, Sept. 29: "Antique-Reproduction Baby Doll," one session workshop with Eve Edwards instructs how to cut, sew and assemble porcelain headed doll with cloth body from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration information available by calling the center, 477-8404.

● JAYCEE MEMBERSHIP NIGHT

Tuesday, Sept. 29: Rep. Sandy Brotherton (R-Farm) is guest speaker for Farmington Area Jaycee and Jaycette Guest Night at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road. Open to all persons between 18-35 years who wish to learn about the workings of the two groups. No charge, but dinner reservations are requested ahead of time by calling Marion Bliznik, 477-6826 or Jerry Horner, 474-5598.

● BRAIDED RAFFIA

Wednesday, Sept. 30: Workshop instructing how to create a braided raffia flower hanging begins at 1 p.m. in 10 Mile Community School, 32789 10 Mile Road. Registration and materials fee payable in person, in advance, in the school.

● FASHION FOCUS

Wednesday, Sept. 30: "Business Woman's Fashion Focus '81," lecture and demonstration led by fashion consultant Jan Brock at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Tickets are \$8, now on sale in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

● WOMEN AND THERAPY

Wednesday, Sept. 30: "Women and Therapy," lecture by Marilyn Becker at 7:30 p.m. in Building J, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Admission of \$2.50 asked at the door.

● FOOD PRESERVATION

Wednesday, Sept. 30: "Food Preservation," one session workshop with Lois Thieleke who tells how to best preserve the nutritional content and fresh flavor of foods whether canning, freezing, pickling or drying, at 1 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road. Fee is \$2. Reservations are requested.

● TIVOLI FAIR

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2-3: Tivoli Fair, arts and crafts exhibit and sale sponsored by Northville Historical Society from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday in Northville Downs, Seven Mile and Sheldon Roads. Admission of \$1 or 50 cents for seniors and children, asked at the door.

● PRETTY FACES

Friday, Oct. 2: "Pretty Faces," one session workshop on the use and abuse of cosmetics at 10 a.m. in Farmington Community Center with Marlene Coffey. In-person registrations taken in the center, on Farmington Road north of

10 Mile Road. Fee is \$6.

● EVENING ON BROADWAY

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4: "An Evening on Broadway" opens Oakway Symphony Orchestra season at 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in Harrison High School, 12 Mile Road, West of Middlebelt Road. Tickets at \$5 or \$2.50 for seniors and citizens available at Madonna College or Hammill Music Store. Inquiries taken by the symphony office, 476-5544.

● SWIM LESSONS

Saturday and Monday, Oct. 3 and 5: Registration for swimming lessons that begin Oct. 30 for youth and Oct. 5 for adults in North Farmington High School pool are being taken now in Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office, in Farmington Hills City Hall complex, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

● CODFISH DINNER

Sunday, Oct. 4: Codfish dinner served at 3 p.m. in Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 Eight Mile Road. Advance reservations are requested by calling Greta Nilsson, 425-3585. The dinner is a fundraising event sponsored by The Swedish Club.

● HEARING CLINIC

Wednesday, Oct. 7: Hearing clinic includes testing, slide presentation and

consultation free to all area seniors at either 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. in Mercy Conference Center, from Gate 4, on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road, sponsored by Farmington Area Commission on Aging in conjunction with Henry Ford Hospital. Seniors must register before hand by calling Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office, 474-6115, ext. 286.

● WEDDING PLANNING

Wednesday, Oct. 7: "Wedding Planning," lecture by Carole McCarthy and Paula Kempton of Manners, Inc. at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

● WOMEN: COMPETITION AND POWER

Wednesday, Oct. 7: "Women: Competition and Power," lecture by Sadie Davis at 7:30 p.m. in Room 308, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Admission of \$2.50 asked at the door.

● ROPE WREATH

Wednesday, Oct. 7: One session workshop teaches how to make a natural rope wreath for holiday decorating at 1:30 p.m. in Ten Mile Community School. Materials fee asked with in-person registrations in the school, 32789 Ten Mile Road.

Helpful tips for flower arrangers



down to earth
Alice Burlingame

Over the years your columnist hasn't been known as a flower arranger, even though florist training is a part of my academic background. I have always wanted to be closer to the earth.

Yet you were tipped off by this column that Sheila McQueen from England was going to put on a demonstration of flower arranging at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor last week. Many local people were there.

Mrs. McQueen is the finest arranger I have ever seen. Her chitchat while she was working was good. I was among the "locals." Her finished arrangements were superb and were raffled off to the attendees to benefit the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Following are gleanings from my notes.

In her slides, she showed a low arrangement of polyanthas flowers of sundry colors and said, "Before you place them in water, if you prick the bottom of the flower where the petals

emerge with a needle they will last longer when the arrangement is completed."

The reason is related to osmosis action with water.

For a Christmas idea she showed two very large cones attached with a narrow, red-velvet ribbon. At the top of the cones there had been a nail hammered to aid the mechanics of placement. At the top of each large cone there was an arrangement of variegated holly with a small holiday motif (lots of possibilities).

FOR FLOWER ARRANGING she said that 2-inch chicken wire is better to use than a smaller size.

When arranging fresh roses she used her scissors to run up and down the stems to remove the thorns. She claims the roses will last longer that way. Also she is a great believer in putting roses in very hot water prior to arranging them. She snaps off the stems of the roses rather than cutting them, which is detrimental to the water flow in osmosis.

With her style of arranging her

prime concern is introducing color. She says not to think you have to line the area where the top of the container ends with leaves. Cut a lot of the leaves away before arranging. Avoid solid white arrangements.

Our arranger likes to use Queen Anne's lace in arrangements as well as baby's breathe, also grasses for tall accents, variegated foliage. She advised us to walk through an open field to gather nature's bounty and then go to a florist if necessary for floral accents. Berry branches are excellent this time of year.

If you use herbs in an arrangement, as you gather, immediately place them in a plastic bag to assure fresh material for arranging. She is fond of using parsley branches when they've gone to seed. (Note: your columnist uses mint leaves in all of her gift bouquets.)

VFW auxiliary calls crafters

Tables are now being rented to area crafters by Brohead Farmington Hills VFW 2269 Auxiliary for its arts and crafts fair, set for Sept. 25-27.

Tables rent for \$10 a day, or \$20 for three days. Inquiries will be taken by calling K. Kutschke, 624-5303.

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