

Farmington Garden Club

Gardeners combine art forms for flower show

Farmington Garden Club celebrates its 50th anniversary with a flower show called "Broadway in Flowers," when well-known musicals will be depicted in floral arrangements created by the members.

The show will be open for two days, 1-8 p.m. Saturday June 12, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 13, in Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance's new office complex, 33045 Hamilton Blvd. Entrance to the complex is on 12 Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

"Using flowers to represent music is really a combination of two art forms," said Jan Dolan, chairman for the show. "Altogether 13 Broadway musicals, some old, some new, will be the subject of the show, and there will be a total of 49 different floral arrangements combining song, color and form."

"Sound of Music" will give members an opportunity to create flower arrangements in the Austrian and Alpine style. Arrangements celebrating "1776" will appeal to those who like to create Colonial types of flower groupings.

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" will combine flowers with a marine motif. "Evita" will be depicted with the brilliant colors of the Spanish tradition.

"Fiddler on the Roof" will be represented by mobiles suspended overhead swinging by drafts created in the room.

THE HORTICULTURE division of the show is called "June is Busting Out All Over" from the musical "Oklahoma!"

The roses, irises, peonies, lilies and other June blooming plants will all be

coming from Farmington-area gardens.

Persons who don't belong to the club may enter specimens from their own gardens. Those interested are invited to contact Kathryn Briggs, 474-4608, or Vi Gaertner, 474-5445.

Potted house plants, hanging plants, cacti and indoor gardens will also be a part of the horticulture exhibit.

"All aspects of the garden club's activity will be represented," Dolan said.

Junior gardeners, under the leadership of Adelaide Henault and Ruby Raymond, will have a section of their own with the youth free to interpret their own choice of Broadway production.

A display of herbs, showing the many uses for aromatic plants, will share space with a native-bird exhibit.

The club's herb-study group will be responsible for the herb display under the supervision of Sue Phillips.

FARMINGTON Garden Club evolved from inquiries made of the Stratmoor Garden Club for the proper procedure to follow in starting a new group. That was in April 1932.

The first step taken was an article placed in the Farmington Enterprise, forerunner to the Farmington Observer, announcing an organization meeting was planned in the old American Legion Home. Twenty-five women joined the club that year. Today the membership is 92.

Mrs. W.A. Nelson of Brighton was one of the women responsible for organizing the club and the only surviving member of that early group. She is still active in the club and often is

called upon to relate anecdotes from years passed. This year she will host the club's annual picnic on her spacious lawn.

For several years the members met in one another's homes, but when the increasing membership made this impractical, the monthly meetings were moved to Farmington Baptist Church, then to Salem United Church of Christ, and for the past 12 years in Farmington Community Center.

The club became affiliated with Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan in 1934.

THE MEMBERS' first flower show was staged in September 1932. That show included conducted tours through local gardens.

Since that time 27 flower shows have been open to area residents.

A show of special interest was called "Day in the Country." It was given in the McWilliams barn, at 12 Mile and Power roads in September 1958. More than 2,000 visitors saw the show, and the club amassed \$700.

For many years the club sold flowering crab trees to promote the beauty of the community, and many of those crab trees still bloom on lawns throughout the area.

The members today still are involved in promoting local beauty through plantings. They sponsor the Junior Garden Club for local youth; cosponsor beautification projects in cooperation with Farmington Beautification Commission; and are involved in Higgins Lake conservation activities.

The club as a whole as well as its

individual members have amassed awards and honors at local, state and national levels. The spring flower

show, followed by the summer picnic, will culminate the golden anniversary celebration, as Peg Moore, president of

the club and her newly elected slate of officers plan new activities for next season.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

An arrangement of iris is being prepared by Kay Blakeney (at left) and Jan Dolan in time for judging of Farmington Garden Club's two-day flower

show this weekend. The show celebrates the club's 50th anniversary.

club circuit

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB, Farmington Chapter, invites membership inquiries through Lois Gorton at 553-2000 or Karen Bolen at 476-5556.

The club, which celebrates its 30th birthday this month, meets the first Tuesday of each month in Buggy Works restaurant, on Orchard Lake and 13 Mile roads. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m., followed by a business meeting and program.

BETHANY, a group composed of separated and divorced Christians, meet at 8 p.m. Friday, June 11 in Mercy Center.

Guests are welcome. Entry to the meeting place is from Gate 4 on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. Membership inquiries are taken by Joan Gray at 478-7343.

CHILD BIRTH WITHOUT PAIN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION members gather for the association's annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 11 in the association's office, 17191 James Couzens, Detroit. Theme for the meeting is "New Perspectives." There is no charge for current members who are bringing a dish to share for the champagne party.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Quakertown Chapter, celebrates its 11th birthday with a luncheon Saturday, June 12 in the home of vice regent Mrs. Ervin W. Love. Program for the afternoon is presented by Velma Smith called "Hello, Dolly Madison."

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Sackett Chapter,

wind up the season with lunch Saturday, June 12. Hostess for the meeting is Mary Rogers, 27275 Bramwell, Farmington Hills.

The group observes "Flag Day" with a program of poetry about the American flag. Regent Nancy Meyers of Southfield and Dr. Helen Ditzthay of Northville will install new members.

Elizabeth Dettler of Livonia will read the resolutions adopted at the 81st Continental Congress, held in Washington in April.

OAKLAND SINGLES, an organization offering activities to singles of south Oakland County, meet for a dance party at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 13 in Everybody's in Farmington Hills. Everybody's is located at 30808 Orchard Lake Road.

The event is open to singles aged 21-45. A cover charge of \$4 asked at the door includes light snacks, music for dancing and door prizes. A cash bar is available. Proper attire is requested. Singles interested in being placed on the mailing list can write Oakland Singles, Box 93, Birmingham 48012.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS ASSOCIATION, (ADDDA), Detroit Chapter and Southfield Chapter, both host open meetings next week.

The Detroit Chapter meets at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 13 in Madonna College, Science Lecture Hall, 36600 School-

craft. Program for the afternoon is the showing of a film, followed by a panel discussion concerning the life experiences of Alzheimer family situations in the home and in nursing homes. Panel moderator is Evan Blachawik.

The Southfield Chapter meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 14 in Providence Hospital's Donald Kaup Room, 16001 Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Speaker for the evening is Susan Borman from Tri County Dental Health Council. Guests at this meeting are asked to park in the lot on the north side of Nine Mile Road, and cross the road via the pedestrian bridge, which approaches the main entrance to the hospital.

All meetings sponsored by the association are given with no charge. Inquiries are taken by Nancy Lombardo at 540-2573.

THE GATHERING PLACE hosts attorney Dale Winnie, who will answer legal questions from seniors at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 17, in the meeting place in Mercy Center, 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. Next guest speaker on the month's agenda is gubernatorial candidate Richard Headlee, who talks at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 22. Headlee will talk about issues of interest to seniors. There is no charge.

ALONE-TOGETHER meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17 in Church of St. Edith, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, for a

session of international ethnic dancing with Dave Bone.

The event is open to widows and widowers aged 35-60. Admission of \$4 is asked at the door. Membership inquiries are taken by Sarah Skatkat at 464-3136.

All club news and announcements for this column should be addressed to Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

Jaycees elect Brown

Farmington Area Jaycees have elected Tom Brown, operations officer for Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington, as president for the coming term.

Brown will serve with Ed Matysiewicz, administrative vice president; Bill George, vice president of internal affairs; and Chris Kuelo, vice president of external affairs.

Mike Albrecht will serve as secretary and Dave Carron as treasurer for the coming term.

Nine new directors will take office this spring — Dan Blugerman, Paul Aboud, Richard Headlee, Hal Friedman, Kevin McKerverey, Dale Williams, Mike Lewis, Glen Bruhan and Mike Lentz.

During the Jaycees' annual election, service awards were given to Discount Pop and Beer, Big Boy's, Farmington Market, and 27th District Court for cooperating with the local chapter in civic service events throughout the year.

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