

Speaker shares valuable tips

Recently at a Horticultural Therapy Conference at Clinton Valley Center, Dr. Lee Taylor from the department of horticulture at Michigan State University related how the university had secured an English Oak seed to them. They were collected from under the oak tree where Robin Hood reigned in English lore.

He said that many people enjoy collecting acorns or cuttings from trees as a hobby. I suppose it would be like other people who collect stamps and display them.

Many years ago Michigan State sent a medium size English Oak to the Cotswold cottage at Greenfield Village and at the time there was considerable newspaper coverage and pictures.

TAYLOR SHARED many garden hints. He recommended using uncooked asparagus in a sour cream dip. He recommended Swiss chard for an ornamental border. You can select a leaf lettuce seed which he says looks handsome planted in a white flower pot for an accent on a patio.



down to earth
Alice Burlingame

Raw, snap peas were recommended for a salad, plus raw spinach. Lamb's quarters is a good green in a salad if the plant is young. In the early fall, you can pull up the plant of cherry tomatoes, hang the plant on a hook in the garage and finish up the crop at your leisure.

Also it was suggested that if you find yourself with too many red tomatoes from your plants, place unwashed in a zip-lock plastic bag, freeze and use for cooking at your leisure.

The honey locust tree was suggested as being easy to propagate. Just collect the seeds and place in the refrigerator and plant in the early fall.

Recently I was invited to return to Bingham Woods on 13 Mile for a stroll

through their nature trails. Before any plotting of the area was done for homes in 1980, the developers invited some naturalists to walk over the untouched area and give their opinions as to how to maintain the beauty of the trees and natural wooded growth as there was a rushing stream of water with the birds and wild fowl as proprietors. Trees had to be saved, bridges built — the paramount goal was to save the natural setting.

TONS OF WOOD chips have been laid along numerous trails and natural beds of trillium, blood root, hepatica, dog tooth violet, Mayflowers, and others, sort of purr as you walk by as though they are saying in chorus, "See,

I am queen of the woods."

The Roberson Brothers are to be congratulated for their appreciation of native beauty and a goal to keep the woods for generations to enjoy. It is a private sanctuary where flowers, birds and small animals of the woods are free.

Back to your own backyards. If you have nice lilacs why don't you copy the hybridizers and between June 8-15 make some cuttings. Make the cut just below a "joint" and dip it in a rooting powder and start a little nursery. Place the project in half shade to assure protection from the hot days ahead. Think of all of those "gifts" you could nurture to share.

If at your house you have a swing set, which is no longer used by "the Young," you can use it as a summer greenhouse with shade cloth. If that doesn't grab you, it can provide a playhouse with lumber sheeting attached for the children. It can be a covered tent or a tool shed, covered, for garden tools. Take your choice.

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Home tour presents study in contrasts

To contribute to the celebration of Birmingham's 50th anniversary and Michigan Week, the Birmingham Republican Women's Club will host a home tour, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

The six area homes that will be open include a mix of styles — English Tudor, Williamsburg, updated ranches and restated vintage homes.

Tickets, \$5 per person, are available at Cranbrook Pharmacy, Cranbrook, 303 E. Maple; The Underground Collector, 790 N. Woodward; Wesch Cleaners, 1458 S. Woodward; and the Republican Headquarters, 352 N. Woodward. They won't be sold at four homes.

Here's a sampling of some of the adventures ahead for tour goers:

1. On a quiet court in Birmingham is a ranch home with a rare Camperdown elm tree at the entrance. Visitors will wander through the Calico garden room, Scheerzade child's bedroom, lower level studio and out to an intimate garden with a cheerful sculptured mural on a floating wall. The home of this artist shows imagination and talent and she will be present to answer questions about her collection of paintings and sculpture.

2. In Bloomfield Village is a custom-designed, Williamsburg-type home. Now 6 years old, it was once used as the situation. The 10 rooms are furnished

in an eclectic style with French and English treasures as well as family pieces of American heritage.

Lalique and Louis XVI lamps light the rooms and sculpture by Glen Michaels is displayed throughout.

There will be the original Japanese table setting with floral arrangement donated by Masado Kondo. Exit via a landscaped terrace.

3. The residence of the Bruce Borden is in a majestic site, perfect for a Tudor residence patterned after the great Grose Pointe homes.

The 10,000 square feet of living space features four levels and four fireplaces. This is the builder's residence. Two other homes on the same street will be open for viewing as well.

4. On an elevated site in Bloomfield Hills is a comfortable home that blends right into the landscape. The wide foyer leads to a bright and airy living room. From here, there are views of the patio and large pool. On the mantle are two 250-year-old Chinese plates.

5. Originally a six-bedroom track ranch in Franklin, this customized home is a fine example of updating. Remodeling was completed five years ago and included the addition of a den and sunroom. These complement the comfortable lived-in atmosphere.

Art by Emil Weddige and unusual wallings by the owner punctuate the decor.

6. The transformation of a gutted-from-fire shell of an old style Birmingham home into a spacious contemporary rounds out the tour. Decking com-

pletely covers the backyard for easy summer living. Inside, a spiral stairway leads to a private apartment with its own deck and skylights.

Volunteer help needed

The help of professionals is needed by Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA). The service organization is sponsored by the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, Oakland County Juvenile Court and Farmington School District.

Its aim is to reduce juvenile delinquency and enhance family life.

Interested lawyers, teachers, CPAs and those with leadership qualities are asked to contact the FYA office, 476-3840.

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TAKE NOTICE THAT the City Council of the City of Farmington, Michigan, proposes to acquire and construct road improvements consisting of concrete base stabilization with two inches of asphalt and drainage ditches.

The City Council further proposes to specially assess a part or all of the cost of said improvements against the following described lots and parcels of land:

23-28-226-013	23-28-226-025
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23-28-226-024	23-28-226-036

The Council has caused the City Manager to have prepared plans and specifications and an estimate of cost of said improvements, and the same, together with the City Manager's recommendations and findings concerning said improvements, are on file with the City Clerk and are available for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, May 24, 1983, at 8:30 p.m. o'clock, for the purpose of hearing all persons affected by said road improvements.

JOSEPHINE M. BUSHY, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
\$30,000

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County, proposes to request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL. 93-383) to be used for the following project:

Water Main Tap-In
To eliminate temporary water hook-ups in the Rickland Gardens Area
Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan
\$30,000

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL. 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

The proposed project will require only minor alterations to the landscape and it will not destroy or interrupt natural features of the surrounding environment.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County, which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, at the Planning office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted, prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, to the Planning office. Such written comments should be received at the Planning office, 31845 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018 on or before May 24, 1983. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

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