



### Exhibiting photos by Eugene Atget

This photograph, "Nymphaeae," taken in the early years of the 20th century by the great French photographer Eugene Atget, is part of an exhibition at Detroit Institute of Arts through Jan. 13. The 120 Atget photographs in the museum's Albert and Peggy deSalles Gallery of Photography, portray three monuments of France's

aristocratic past — the gardens of Versailles, Saint-Cloud and Sceaux. Atget's deep interest in documenting the art and history of Old Paris led him to explore regions surrounding the French capital where many venerable monuments of the Ancien Regime are located.

## 'Overture to opera' comes to Madonna

Madonna College has been awarded a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts to sponsor a one-day workshop, "Overture to the Opera," Saturday, Jan. 19.

The goal and activities of the workshop will be related to teachers, volunteers and other persons working with handicapped students. The object of the workshop will be to teach appreciation of opera and the understanding of

teaching concepts as applied within the special education area.

Both the workshop and the opera performance are produced by the Michigan Opera Theater. "Musicians of Bremen" is an especially suitable vehicle for imparting artistic appreciation to handicapped students since the story deals with animals who think they have no musical potential but who are encouraged and achieve happiness and success.

Madonna faculty members John Ray and Mary Wells will be available at the workshop as interpreters, as well as to interpret the opera itself for the hearing-impaired youngsters and persons in the audience.

Five youngsters will also be invited to participate in the performance as part of the presentation. Teaching guides will be available as well as the music for students involved.

The fee for the workshop which includes lunch and opera ticket is \$15. Continuing education units are available.

For registration, call the Office of Continuing Education at 521-5188. Madonna College is at the intersection of I-96 and Levan, Livonia.

## Youth hostels offer ski lessons, trips

The ski season is fast approaching, and American Youth Hostels (AYH) offers a host of opportunities for the novice and experienced skier alike.

For those who have never skied before but are itching to try, AYH offers instruction classes in cross-country skiing for beginners. Classes will be given Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in January in Memorial Park, Royal Oak. Registration is necessary; the \$15 fee includes three evening sessions.

For those who prefer a condensed course, an instructional weekend trip to Schuss Mountain area in Manacelon, Mich., is set for Jan. 11-13. Registration is also necessary for this trip; cost

is \$123 (\$126 for non-members) which includes transportation, most meals, lodging and instruction by registered, professional ski instructors.

AYH offers a full slate of ski trips. The schedule is varied, both cross country and downhill trips are offered. All trips include transportation, lodging and most meals. Accommodations range from youth hostels, which are low-cost, dormitory-style lodging to deluxe resort-style treatment at Sugar Loaf Resort in Cedar, Mich., and Blue Mountain Inn in Collingwood, Ont.

Registration for the weekend trips is necessary; prices vary according to trip. Call 545-0511 for information and a free brochure.

## Employees Grant-a-Wish

Employees at Blakeney's Family Tavern, at 38333 Grand River, have opted to skip a Christmas party this year in favor of making a contribution to Grant-a-Wish.

"The biggest percentage of the children on the Grant-a-Wish list will be spending Christmas in Children's Hospital, and as long as they're talking about Children's that's OK with me," said Dick Blakeney. "I'm just very proud to be employing people who think like that."

The collection taken up by the employees will be matched by Blakeney who credits personnel in the Detroit hospital for saving his daughter's life when she was born six years ago.

"Jill is doing just great now," he said.

The Grant-a-Wish program was initiated in the fall of 1982 by Dr. Kevin Brown, a child psychologist with Michigan Osteopathic Medical Center, and is now carried on in several other cities. Chapters are made up of volunteers who work to fulfill the wishes of terminally ill children.

Since the birth of his daughter Children's Hospital has been on Blakeney's Christmas list. This year he and a friend, Bob Jones, will be delivering 600 stuffed animals to youngsters in Children's ordered from R. Dakin in California.

## community calendar

**PALS**  
Thursday, Dec. 27: Testing of 4- and 5-year-olds to qualify for PALS (Potentially Able Learners), and enrichment program sponsored by Farmington Public Schools, continues through Jan. 18. Persons wishing to have their child tested can make an appointment by calling Fairview Early Childhood Center, 626-8335.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE OVERNIGHT**  
Monday, Dec. 31: "New Year's Eve Overnight," from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 a.m. for 5-13-year-olds includes celebration at midnight, swimming, movies, games, snacks and breakfast in Mercy Center. Fee is \$20 per child in the family. Advance reservations are necessary made in the center, 28600 11 Mile Road.

**CHILD FIND**  
Wednesday, Jan. 2: Testing for "Child Find," program to identify infants and children in the community who may qualify for special education services given in Fairview Early Childhood Center, 28500 Oak Crest, through mid-June. Persons requesting the tests must call the center, 626-8335, for an appointment.

**PRE-SCHOOL ART**  
Wednesday, Jan. 3: Students in Farmington Co-op Preschool art show in Farmington Hills Branch Library 12 Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, remains through Jan. 30.

**PRENATAL-POSTNATAL**  
Monday, Jan. 7: Prenatal fitness classes begin at 5 p.m. and postnatal fitness classes begin at 7 p.m. for twice-a-week sessions in Botsford Hospital's Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Registrations, at \$30 for six week series, taken by calling the hospital, 471-8090.

**SMOKELESS SYSTEM**  
Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 7-8: Free lecture introduces The Smokeless System at 7:30 p.m. each night in Botsford Hospital's Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Charge for the program is \$140.

**FITNESS WEEK**  
Monday through Saturday, Jan. 7-12: "Fitness Week" at the YWCA offers participation in as many exercise classes as one chooses from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day in the Y, 25940 Grand River. Registration is necessary by calling the Y, 537-8500. Fee for non-members is \$20.

**STRESS MANAGEMENT**  
Tuesday, Jan. 8: "Stress Management Skills," begins at 7 p.m. and continues for four consecutive Tuesdays in Botsford Hospital's Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Fee is \$40. Registrations taken by calling the hospital, 471-8090.

**THINK TRIM**  
Tuesday, Jan. 8: "Think Trim," workshop to aid dieters in changing their relationship to food, at 7 p.m. in Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River. Registration is \$7.50 for non-members. Registrations taken by calling 537-8500.

**DIABETES MANAGEMENT**  
Wednesday, Jan. 9: "Diabetes Management," series of five classes begins at 7 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Fee is \$20. Registrations taken by calling the hospital, 471-8090.

## Child Find program is under way

Farmington Public Schools offers the "Child Find Program" to help identify infants and children in the community who may qualify for special education services.

"If you feel your child may be mentally or emotionally impaired; developmentally delayed; has a physical, visual, or learning disability; a hearing or speech impairment, call us," said Jean Denaro, a representative of Fairview Early Childhood Center.

The center is accepting calls for appointments to be made until June, 1985, at 28500 Oak Crest, Farmington Hills. The number is 626-8335.



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