

Entertainment

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Honey of an idea:

Some romantic events for you and your sweetie

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VALENTINE'S DAY GIVING gets more imaginative each year. A romantic card, candy or flowers may be just the beginning. Jewelry, clothes, accessories and other novelty items, in bright red or decorated with heart motifs, also send the message of love.

Another way to celebrate the most romantic day of the year is by taking in a special event tied to the Valentine's Day theme. Here are some activities for you and your sweetie, family and friends to consider for the time around Thursday, Feb. 14.

Some of these things may cost you a few dollars. Others are free entertainment for all.

Birmingham Theatre. The production stars Ann Flood of ABC-TV's soap opera "The Edge of Night."

The cast also includes Michael Minor, who played Steve Elliot on the CBS-TV series "Peterson Junction," and Brandon Kingley on ABC-TV's "All My Children."

The plot is about two women friends, seeking careers and romance in New York, and their "helpful" parents. Flood plays Lillian, executive mother of one of the women.

Previews continue through Sunday, Feb. 17. Regular performances run from Tuesday, Feb. 19, through Sunday, March 17. Ticket prices range from \$11-\$15 for previews, \$13-\$20 for regular performances. For further information, call the box office at 644-1096.

Smith Performing Arts Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Trumpet star Marcus Belgrave will appear with his sextet. Michele Braden will offer jazz vocals, and the Sultans will tap dance and perform a soft-shoe routine to Duke Ellington's "Satin Doll" — this must be the Valentine's Day angle.

An optional pre-concert dinner served at 6:30 p.m. will be provided by the college's Culinary Arts Department.

Tickets for the dinner and show at 115 may be purchased through Thursday, Feb. 17, at the theater box office. Show tickets only are \$8 in advance, \$7 at the door. For further information, call the box office at 471-7700.

at Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. A Valentine exchange will be part of the fun.

Comic plays called Elizabethan Jiggs; Renaissance Dancers; music from the Elizabethan and Renaissance periods, presented by costumed members of Collegium Musicum, and a slide show of period art are included in the program.

Concertgoers are being invited to bring home-made Valentines to exchange with romantics of all ages in the audience. Some of the cards' messages will be read aloud, and the Valentines displayed.

Tickets are \$4 general admission, \$3 for OU students and senior citizens. For more information, call the Center for the Arts box office at 376-3013 weekdays.

A FREE CONCERT, entitled "A Valentine's Day Card" and starring "America's Sweethearts" Russell Hunter and Mark Vondrak, is the musical attraction from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the Center Court at Somerset Mall in Troy.

AUTOGRAPHED kiss prints of local and national celebrities will be displayed from Saturday, Feb. 9, to Thursday, Feb. 14, on the lower level of Oakland Mall in Troy. Celebrity kiss prints include ones by Ann-Margret and Tony Randall.

Silent auctions for some of the prints will be held during the exhibit, and a final auction, conducted by Steve Gannon and Jim Harper of radio station WNIC, is set for 6:30 p.m. in Center Court on Valentine's Day. The display is sponsored by the Myasthenia Gravis Association.

A CONTEST to pick metropolitan Detroit's most wonderful bachelor will be held as part of the Best Bachelor Bash at 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Michigan Inn in Southfield.

Twenty-five finalists will compete for prizes in the contest, which will be followed by a Valentine's Day Party with cocktails and dancing. The event is hosted by WRBK-TV's "PM Magazine," and Gary Cuberby and Mattie Majors will be on hand to tape a show segment.

Proceeds benefit the March of Dimes. Tickets at \$5 may be purchased in advance at the March of Dimes and the Michigan Inn, or at the door.



TV actress Ann Flood stars in "Isn't It Romantic."



Marcus Belgrave and his sextet play a special Valentine concert.

McROCK'S SALOON and Gathering Place in Farmington Hills is asking customers to spend a dollar for a paper heart to be placed on the wall of the lounge during February. Your name, company name or slogan may be written on the heart, as a Valentine to support cystic fibrosis research. Meanwhile you can enjoy a romantic evening.

"CPID'S PACKAGE," providing a lovely way to spend a weekend, includes a room at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills, fresh flowers, a petite box of chocolates, chilled champagne and breakfast or Sunday brunch, for \$75 per couple per night.

A room without the extras is available at \$22.22 per person per night, double occupancy, that same weekend, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 15-16. For more information call 644-1400.

A VALENTINE'S Day dinner for two brought to your home, is offered by the Glorious Food cuisine center at the Bloomfield Plaza in Bloomfield Township.

Partners Rick Halberg and Ken Fink will prepare a gourmet menu of vegetable and seafood soup with saffron, chicken breast with roasted peppers and spinach, olivada artichoke, green peas and chocolate surprise for \$19.95.

Dinner may be ordered for Thursday, Feb. 14, or any date through February. Call 855-4005.

YOU CAN LOOK for pearls Thursday, Feb. 14, at D. Dennison's Seafood Tavern in Farmington Hills. The first 150 couples to buy the special Valentine's Day dinner or rawbar oysters, clams or shrimp will receive a free pearl oyster. Each pearl oyster is guaranteed to contain a cultured pearl of gem quality, maybe even a double pearl, in white, blue or black.

THE MENU ON Valentine's Day at the Benchmark at the Michigan Inn in Southfield will offer special entrees and desserts. Among entrees are peppercorn steak, cradle rack of lamb, Michigan pike, spinach salad and Australian lobster tails. Dinner seatings are at 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Call 559-6500 for reservations.

A "VALENTINE'S Day Dinner for Two" is planned from 6-11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Wicker Works at the Northfield Hilton. The Rico Romano Duo will play gentle jazz. On the menu will be such dishes as a seafood platter for two, rack of lamb, chateaubriand, and a "murrate" combining chicken, beef, veal and shrimp. For reservations call 879-2100.



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