

community calendar

BLOOD PRESSURE EDUCATION

Tuesday, Aug. 6: "Blood Pressure Education" four-session class begins at 7 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Fee is \$20. Registration is necessary by calling the hospital's Health Promotion Department, 471-8090.

BIBLETIMES MARKETPLACE

Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 6-8: Bibletimes Marketplace, vacation Bible School for those from age 3 through fifth grade from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day in Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road. Registration fee is \$2.50 per child, or \$5 per family. Registrations are necessary, taken by DyAnn St. Clair, 477-1168.

PIANO IMPROVISATION

Tuesdays, Aug. 6 and 13: "Piano Improvisation," two-part lecture and demonstration by Howard Lucas, a Detroit pianist and advisor to advanced and professional musicians, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge, but reservations are necessary by calling the library, 553-0300.

STENCILING

Tuesday, Aug. 6: Workshop teaches the folk art of stenciling on wood, walls and fabric at 7 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty Street. No charge, but preregistration is requested by calling the library, 474-7770.

"DIABETES MANAGEMENT"

Wednesday, Aug. 7: "Diabetes Management," series of five classes begins

at 7 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Fee is \$20. Registration is necessary by calling the hospital's Health Promotion Department, 471-8090.

YOUTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Friday, Aug. 9: South German Youth Chamber Orchestra Balling in concert at 8 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church, Farmington Road and 11 Mile. No charge.

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

Friday through Sunday, Aug. 9-11: Scandinavian Festival with ethnic food, crafts, folk dancing and imports from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, from 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday in Eddy Edgar Sports Area,

33841 Lyndon Road, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1.50, or \$1 for seniors and children.

ATTITUDES

Sunday, Aug. 11: "Attitudes: Choosing the Food to Serve Your Mind" continues "Strengthening Your Grip" film series at 7 p.m. in Forest Park Baptist Church, 28805 Farmington Road. No charge.

"THE GAY DESPERADO"

Monday, Aug. 12: "The Gay Desperado," starring Ida Lupino and Leo Carrillo concludes Summer Film Classics Series at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge.

SONSHINE CLUB

Monday through Friday, Aug. 12-16:

Sonshe Club, Bible School for kindergarten through sixth graders, from 9:30-11:45 a.m. daily in Faith Covenant Church, 35415 14 Mile Road. Fee is \$2 per child. Bible study for parents runs concurrently with children's classes. Registrations taken by calling the church, 661-9191.

THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE?

Monday, Aug. 12: "Thinking About College?" program designed for adults contemplating going back to school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room B, Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18500 Haggerty Road. No charge. Lunch at \$2 is optional. Reservations are requested by calling the college's Women's Resource Center, 591-6400, Ext. 430.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Wednesday, Aug. 14: Free immunization clinic from 9 a.m. to noon in Ten Mile Community School, 32789 10 Mile Road. Parents or guardian must accompany those under 18 years of age.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

Saturday, Aug. 17: Sixth Annual Michigan Senior Olympics from 8 a.m.

to 4 p.m. on Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Admission is free.

COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-18: Country Fair, to benefit St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher Center from noon to 8 p.m. each day on the center's grounds, corner of 12 Mile and Inkster Road. Fair offers games, food, handicrafts and live entertainment. Free admission to the grounds.

AUTHORITY

Sunday, Aug. 18: "Authority: Hope for a Talk-Back Fight-Back World," continues Strengthening Your Grip film series at 7 p.m. in Forest Park Baptist Church, 28805 Farmington Road. No charge.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Aug. 18: Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Waldorf Kinder House, 25205 Code Road, north of 10 Mile Road, east of Lahar in Southfield. The preschool and kindergarten for 3- to 5-year-olds is based on the Waldorf pedagogy will be explained and demonstrated by the staff.

Ways to make gardening interesting

This summer, 125 groups of young people and seniors from 42 states are recipients of awards by the National Garden Association valued at \$500 each.

These awards are a part of the association's program to encourage rewarding techniques to be applied to programs of gardening.

A California participant said, "The grant has boosted every level of self esteem in many who had despaired of being able to garden again."

Gardening provides us with many ways to make the hobby interesting. If you have a straight, center stalk on a geranium, you can pinch off the lower branches and report in an ornamental container placing a stick next to the central stalk and secured with a twist until the plant becomes sturdy.

It can become an interesting tree for conversation. You could have the geranium tree for a long period of time if you put it where it gets good light and you don't go on a vacation and let it dry up.

In our area, the Michigan Regional



down to earth

Alice Burlingame

Lily Society is busy promoting this interesting flower category. They have displays and opportunities for amateurs to become better acquainted with their specialty. You may call Kathryn Briggs in Farmington, 474-6008, who will be glad to share the technique of growing these lilies for optimum beauty.

If on your property you have trees which were planted with grass growing up to the base of the tree, may I suggest that you make a margin around the base of the tree about five inches where you have deposited a generous placement of peat moss to discourage the base of a tree with a lawn mower.

Another idea to protect the bark and

root area at the base of the tree is to use pachysandra to give protection from a lawn mower.

Of course this plant is greedy and

will spread to make a larger circumference with time, but maybe you won't care as it will cut down on labor for beautifying the area.

At this midsummer date your columnist is still buying plants for her courtyard. The latest is royal blue Chrysal Palace lobelia. This electric blue plant makes every other flower color more interesting.

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