

# Small tasks for August gardeners

August is a good time to review your garden. Does it suit you? Is it a plus on your property? Do your trees need pruning? Do you need to develop a screen of privacy by the judicious placement of shrubs, evergreens and trees?

Just remember that your garden is your castle with the ceiling paved by blue sky.

You can control traffic across your front or rear garden by the strategic placement of plant material or the placement of evergreens "that prick."

As we are into August, you might begin to plant spring bulbs for 1987 color. Personally, I have found if I delay the purchase of bulbs I have a crummy selection.

You would be a normal gardener if you said to yourself, "I am going to remedy some mistakes of the past and not overdo the volume of work called for, so that pride takes a back seat."

So, review "plus" designing so that the maintenance isn't overwhelming. If you raise lettuce, have you given it a location where constant cutting has spoiled the beauty of the row? I certainly wouldn't give a prominent location to plants that are constantly harvested and leave bare spots.

Cooking hobbiests will want an herb garden. Be sure and leave space for early planting of herbs in your garden next spring and consid-

er chives, tarragon, parsley, basil, summer or winter savory, garlic, chives, sage, lovage and several thymes which will add flavor to your gourmet cook.

In the months ahead you might like to use a Ross root feeder, which is excellent to give all of your trees, evergreens and shrubs a boost so they have a happy appearance before going dormant later. This procedure is very important in the middle of spring and at this time to assure you of a good performance in your plant material.

Another plus you can give your garden area is an edging around the flower beds. Always think that a garden looks like a proud little girl when she bows in a new dress and says, "Don't I look beautiful!" The use of an edger is very important to put style into your garden.

It is true when you are proud of your garden that a bonus awaits you if you share some of your cut flowers as you visit your friends. By the way, have you been out to Sunset Terrace, which is close to Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester? Sunset Terrace is the former retirement residence of Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson.

It was designed in the style of Frank Lloyd Wright's prairie house. Meadow Brook and Sunset Terrace were both designed by William E. Kapp. In 1963 the sculpture "Jonah and the Whale" by Cranbrook stu-



## down to earth

**Alice Burlingame**

dent and teacher Berthold Schlewitz of Dexter was installed on the grounds.

The interior furnishings as well as the exquisite grounds are an education in excellent taste. The home is open for tours until Aug. 24, 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children.

Note: Personally, it is worth the journey to see Sunset Terrace.

## Updated directory due

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or pleasure, she said.

"One of the things the Bed and Breakfast national network likes to point out is that businesswomen can meet a client in the living room and avoid the awkwardness of holding meetings in their hotel room. This has become a problem since women are traveling more frequently on business."

BUZAN HAS made another interesting observation on changing American habits.

"Americans are getting less and less hung up over bathrooms" and the sharing thereof — which, when

you think about it, is probably the only downside of a bed-and-breakfast adventure.

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## Hospitality with pizzazz

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Summer means more fishing, sailing charters, swimming and golfing. Boyne Country Golf offers four 18-hole championship courses designed by renowned architects Robert Trent Jones and William Newcomb.

Winter, of course, brings the skiers as there are three major ski resorts within 20 minutes drive of the inn.

Like most enterprising B & B innkeepers, the Robinsons keep abreast of what is going on in the area and provide brochures and menus from local restaurants for their guests.

One of the extra things they do is to sponsor special days or weekends. Last May, for instance, they sponsored a "Shed Your Winter Skins" weekend spa. A package deal provided a massage therapist, a facialis, manicurist/pedicurist and makeup artist.

Guests arrived Friday night and were greeted with champagne and a massage. They spent Saturday in a beauty clinic with the profession-

als. A repeat of that event is being planned.

The Robinsons are busy setting up other special weekends including one for fly fishermen that will feature talks by area experts. A painting weekend is also being considered.

Did we mention that guests are invited to the "cordial hour." That happens about 4 p.m. in the parlor. Compliments of the house. It's a chance to unwind and meet your fellow B & B'ers.

If you get the idea that the Bear and the Bay is not your ordinary bed and breakfast, you're probably right. It's hospitality warm and friendly if not a bit on the zany side.

For more information on either special weekends or the inn's regular rates and reservations, call the Bear and the Bay at (616) 347-6077 or write them at 421 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey 49770.

— Marie McGee contributed to this story.

## Carillon concert set

Music written especially for the carillon will be featured in Christ Church Cranbrook's free 4 p.m. recital Sunday by Dorothy Rohrbach of Royal Oak.

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Church of the Redeemer of Birmingham, Rohrbach was associate organist at Christ Church where she studied carillon with Beverly Buchanan. She has been organist in Detroit area churches for 20 years.

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