

# Council names appointee

Marcia Wiltshire of Bloomfield Hills has been named to the Oakland County Cultural Council. Wiltshire, a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in Arts in Education, is a past president of the Junior Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony and the Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Currently she serves as the Women's Committee president for the Cranbrook Academy of Art & Museum. Wiltshire serves on a number of other arts related boards.



Marcia Wiltshire

# Evening of Spanish music planned

The Birmingham Musicale presents an afternoon of Spanish music and dance titled "Spanish Music Alerts the Soul" on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Arlene Koenig, contralto, will perform six songs by composer Manuel de Falla. Long a member of Birmingham Musicale, Koenig now lives in Raleigh, N. Carolina, where she is a soloist, voice teacher, and active with the Opera Guild and local music festivals. She will be accompanied by Beverly Labuta.

Gall Mitchell, soprano, will perform works by Obradors, Granados, Nin and Serrano. She will be accompanied by Jane Brandt. Mitchell currently sings with the Detroit Symphony Chorus and is a soloist with the Metropolitan Symphonic Band. She has also performed with the Michigan Opera Theatre and other area companies. Collette Rosner will perform "Seguidillas Op. 232 No. 7 by Albeniz as well as works by Villa-Lobos and Ravel. Rosner has studied piano with Bendelson Netzorg and Flavio

Varani. She is a member of the Rosner Trio with her daughters Kim, flutist, and Cindi, clarinetist. The group has had many performances in Oakland County. Rosner is also a private piano teacher. Renee Marcos will perform two Spanish dances from the Andalucia Suite by Ernesto Lecuona. The first, "Andalucia" is Cuban and very classical in approach, with castanets, a shawl and costume.

The second, "Malaguena" is a folk form from the Southern provinces with a progression of four changes of harmony. Marcos has studied at the American Ballet Theatre with Patricia Wilde and Madam Feryastavec. She has danced with many companies including "Off Broadway" in New York. A tea to meet the artists will follow the program. For more information, call 375-9554.

# Plant names dissected

"Dictionary of Plant Names" by Allen J. Coombes (Timber Press, \$9.95) is a book serious gardeners will find helpful. For those who want to learn more about plant origins and meanings and pronunciations of the names, this handy size (5-by-7 1/2 inches), hardbound volume is ideal. Generic and common names are listed alphabetically. Common names are listed and cross-referenced to the scientific ones unless they are the same or similar to the generic ones. For example, if you wanted to find Norfolk Island Pine, you would be told to see Araucario heterophylla. Genus and family, hardness and appropriate location in the garden are included. Day lily growers would find that the name, Hemerocallis (hay-me-ka-lis) liliaceae, comes from two Greek words, hemera (day) and kallos (beauty), that it is a perennial herb and the flowers last for only one day. Seven species are listed with background information. The author, a botanist with a strong background in plant lore, has written a fascinating, informative book that I recommend for garden club libraries.



down to earth  
Marty Figley

section is on knot, flat topiary, and carpet bedding designs. A list of plant materials — ivy, boxwood, yews and rosemary — and their care is a big help. Sources for frames and plants and a listing of gardens where topiary can be seen is included. Portable topiary animals are on display in the greenhouse of the Chicago Botanic Garden and a well-kept knot garden is at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland. "THE CHRISTMAS BOOK" (Ortha, \$11.95), hardcover, is a delight with stories about the origin of Christmas and the history of the traditions. Chapters have ideas for gifts, care and decoration, creches and Christmas scenes and outdoor displays. Directions for making wreaths, ornaments and pomanders and creating attractive packages are clear and easy to follow. Other chapters deal with gifts from the kitchen, making garnishes and decorating the table. It is good that this book is in hardcover. I predict it will be used in most households for years to come.

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