

Art and Flowers assignments given to 10 local gardeners

TEN PIECES of art at the Detroit Institute of Arts will be complemented by flower arrangements created by 10 gardeners from Farmington and Farmington Hills for "Art and Flowers: A Festival of Spring." The annual event to benefit the Institute runs this year from April 11-16 under the chairmanship of Farmington Hills resident Elaine Gunderson.

Preview night, beginning with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, offers the first viewing of the celebrity invitational floral displays and a fantasy auction hosted by J. P. McCarthy, Ben Bidwell and Frank Boos.

The week-long event features the flower arrangements created by 50 arrangers of the Federation Garden

Clubs of Michigan to complement works of art from the permanent collection of the DIA. Flowers and horticulture displays will be seen throughout the museum.

Daily event packages will include a luncheon, afternoon tea, docent tours and lectures. Guest lecturers for the week are Martha Stewart, K mart's life style spokeswoman; Thomas Hoving, editor of Connoisseur magazine; Mario Buatta, interior designer; Renny Reynolds, party designer and landscape architect; David Smith, director of horticulture at White Flower Farms; and Judith Smith, a table setting expert.

THERE WILL be three demonstrations Saturday on plant propagation, spring wildings and edible flowers, and Ikebana, the Japanese art

of flower arrangement.

The daily event packages offered through the week include two lectures, luncheon and guided tours. Tickets are \$30 each.

Lecture-only tickets are \$15. Tea is offered in the LaPallette Dining Room Wednesday and Saturday for \$8 per person. Luncheon in the Crystal Gallery with a guided docent tour is offered Wednesday only for \$10 per person.

Reservations are taken by calling the DIA, 833-7969.

Area women who have been invited to create flower arrangements for the week are Eileen Abbott, Penny Stairs, Betty Mitchell, Little Moore, Jean Moran, Jan Dolan, Amy Landon, Kay Blakey, Nancy Passfield and Gunderson.



Elaine Gunderson

Donlon takes Enrichment Award

Sandra Donlon, a Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation commissioner, has taken the American Association of University Women's 1989

Community Enrichment Award.

The annual award honors a woman for her contributions to the community.

Donlon's work now on the parks and recreation commission is serving as liaison from Friends of Heritage Park to local service groups.

Further, she is a member of the Year 2000 Committee, which is devoted to maintaining and improving the city's quality of life.

HER INVOLVEMENT in the Hill and Dale Garden Club has spread from working in Farmington Community Center Gardens to teaching garden therapy. She personally heads the garden therapy classes in the Sarah Fisher Home, and with the help of staff and students established a Five Senses Garden on the grounds there.

Donlon is a member of Northbrook Presbyterian Church, where she teaches Sunday school, is a member of the Women's Association and participates in programs to benefit the hungry, youths and the aged.

Donlon was responsible for developing a crime prevention program related to shoplifting and a program of continuing education for women.

She is married to James Donlon and has three daughters.

Donlon was nominated for the award by Gale Weisman on behalf of Hill and Dale Garden Club.



Sandra Donlon

A staunch supporter

John Jay was born Dec. 12, 1745, in New York City. He was a staunch supporter of the American Revolution and, with James Madison and Alexander Hamilton, wrote five essays for "The Federalist" urging the ratification of the United States Constitution. The Quaker town Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution urges us all to study this period in history.

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102 years marked

Julie Van Gard, born Feb. 28, 1887, in Minnesota, was accompanied by friend Carol Thorderson for her 102nd birthday party in Farmington Nursing Home. She is known as an independent woman and had a career as a midwife. She is the widow of Joseph Van Gard. She lived in Livonia since the early 1940s, and belongs to the Livonia Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

CROP Walk planned April 9

Walkers are still being recruited for the fourth annual Farmington-Farmington Hills-Bloomfield CROP Walk Against Hunger, that is planned to begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

Persons who want to participate are asked to call the Rev. David R. Strobe at Nordic Park United Methodist Church, 476-8860. Sponsor en-

velopes are now available at most area churches.

The walk is a combined effort of the churches to raise funds for Church World Service, the non-denominational relief organization of the National Council of Churches which provides relief and development in 70 countries.

In the past three years the local walk has raised nearly \$40,000 to help the hungry of the world. Last year \$1 million was raised in Michigan.

Twenty five percent of all the money raised stays in the community for disbursement locally. Last year that percentage was divided equally between Baldwin Community Food Kitchen in Pontiac, the Farmington Head Start Emergency Fund, the Farmington Salvation Army and Neighborhood House.

The walk will take place rain or shine. Walkers check in at First United Methodist Church in downtown Farmington, follow a 10 kilometer route through the city and return to the church.

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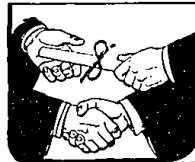
DONALD AND BARBARA TYLER of Niceville, Fla. announce the birth of their first child, Christina Lynn, born Feb. 9 at Humana Hospital, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. The infant's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hammond of Farmington Hills and Mrs. Carol Wilson of Port Charlotte, Fla.

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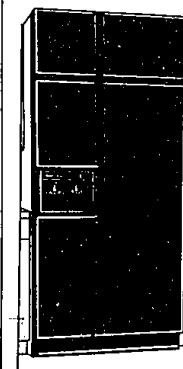
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