

Spring plant sale gets under way

Members of Hill and Dale Garden Club are preparing for their 17th annual plant sale, May 25. As thoughts turn to spring and summer flower beds, the club has prepared an order form offering a variety of annuals for cutting as well as colorful landscaping.

All sales must be pre-ordered and forms are available by calling Gretchen Pugsley, 349-3555, or Barb Goff, 626-2233, plant sale co-chairwomen. In order to process the orders promptly for the best nursery selection, the forms and prepayment must be returned by April 19. Plants will be available for pick up May 25.

Prices are competitive and the order forms include valuable information for selecting the plants suitable for individual yard conditions.

"In addition to our all-time 'cut-

ting flower' favorites, we've added periwinkles to our list. They thrive in hot, dry weather and desire full sun to provide beautiful color. They may be used in landscape designs in full sun similar to the way impatiens are used in shaded areas of the yard," Pugsley said.

Growers are anticipating another dry season, and therefore, the club encourages planters to consider these conditions when choosing appropriate varieties of plants for their gardens.

ALSO NEW on the list is a variety of red globe amaranth to complement a garden of bright mid-summer colors. Although the club offers a smaller variety of vegetables, the list does include three new selections: a yellow green pepper, a gold tomato and a miniature pumpkin

that when dried gives a charming accent to fall floral arrangements. All plants are offered in half and full flats.

Even small planting areas and patios are kept in mind as hanging baskets overflowing with begonias, fuchsia, and ivy geraniums are included on the order form.

Residents are also invited to join club members in a new plant adventure this year -- a perennials pre-sale field trip to Supple's Nursery at Telegraph Road near West Road April 12. Since perennials need to be planted earlier than annuals and often reach their prime in mid-spring and early summer, the club decided to offer this opportunity to purchase these plants in April.

Carpools will be formed and price lists will be distributed. For further

information on this event call Pugsley, 349-3555.

May 25 Hill and Dale Garden Club will also present a summer craft boutique featuring silk floral arrangements for the home. Decorative wall and door designs and floral baskets in summery colors will complement the fresh cut flowers of the garden.

Proceeds of these garden club activities benefit the approximately 300 special education students of the Farmington School District who participate in the club's garden therapy program.

The club's fund-raising efforts also provide for the gardens of the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills and educational programs throughout the year.

Hill and Dale is a member of The Federated Garden Club of Michigan.

Vying for teen title

Chrysoula Mello, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mello of Milford, has been selected to compete in the Miss Michigan Perfect Teen Pageant April 1 in Fairlane Manor in Dearborn.

Mello has been an active member of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills Jr. G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) and is presently an assistant teacher in Holy Cross's Sunday School program.

A senior at Mercy High School, she plans on attending Western Michigan University in the fall. Besides being a skilled tennis player, she has accumulated an array of medals and her school letter in track. She still finds time to serve as a volunteer at Evergreen Home for Abused Children.



Chrysoula Mello

Cabaret concert set

The Livonia Symphony's Cabaret Concert begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 29 in Madonna College, Livonia.

The evening features "Fat Bob" Taylor, the singing plumber, and guest conductors Sister Mary Francis, president of Madonna College, and Ernest Jones.

Raffles and plenty of surprises in-

clude a chance to conduct the orchestra. Bar and snacks available at 7 p.m.

Ticket price is \$10. Discount for advance purchases of full tables of eight. For reservations call Ida Krandle in Farmington Hills, 851-4524.

Madonna College is on I-96 and Levan road.

Health-O-Rama is April 12 this year

Health-O-Rama comes to Mercy Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Mercy Center, on 11 Mile Road east of Middlebelt Road, is one of 97 clinics in the state that will offer free or low-cost health tests and services for the day. Guests are asked to enter the center through Gate 4.

Free at Mercy Center will be height and weight, blood pressure, vision and glaucoma tests, counseling and referral. Health hazard appraisals and health education information will also be available.

New to Mercy Center this year are mammograms, given for \$50. Women who want to have a mammogram

must make an appointment by calling St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac at 858-3780.

Colorectal cancer screening kits are \$3. A blood panel, a profile of 21 tests, is \$10.

Mercy Center is the only site that will offer oral, dental, skin cancer, podiatry and hearing tests.

Project Health-O-Rama is sponsored by Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan, WXYZ (Channel 7) in Detroit and the United Health Organization, a Torch Drive-United Way Agency.

Gerry Dielenhein is the co-ordinator of the event. For information on other Health-O-Rama sites, call the hotline number, 424-8600.

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