

briefly speaking

HOLIDAY WALK
To help with the restoration of the Cady Inn in Mill Race Historical Village, the Northville Historical Society will sponsor a Christmas walk Friday, Nov. 24 through Sunday, Nov. 26.

The historical village will be decorated for this annual event. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Adult donation is \$5, each accompanied child, \$3, and families, \$15.

A variety of crafts will be available for sale including ornaments, baskets, candles, weaving and toys. Artisans will be demonstrating their crafts. Mill Race Village is on Griswold just north of Main Street in Northville.

GREEMEAD CHRISTMAS WALK

Friends of Greemead will sponsor a Christmas walk of six homes in Livonia on Saturday, Dec. 9, 1-5 p.m. Proceeds will be used for the restoration of the Alexander Blue House in the historical village. Tickets at \$5 are available at all Livonia libraries, Greemead and the Community Resources Office in the City Hall.

ROTHAMEL EXHIBIT

A one-woman show of artist Susan Pickering Rothamel's works, including vibrant oil paintings and enamels, are on display in Schoolcraft College's Waterman Center Campus Center until Dec. 15.

Rothamel's works have been displayed in numerous galleries including the Button Galleries in Saugatuck; Ilona and Gallery in West Bloomfield; Signature Arts, Michigan Design Center, Troy; and Topco in New York City.

Recently she had a one-woman

show in the Livonia City Hall and at Jacobson's in Livonia.

The art is for sale and 15 percent of the proceeds will be donated to culinary arts students scholarships.

MADONNA ART SHOW

Madonna College, Livonia, will feature an exhibit of oils and watercolors in the library wing exhibit gallery through Dec. 5. It is sponsored by the Adult Education Art Program.

Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Madonna is at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

BOTSFORD ANTIQUES

The BotSFord Inn Holiday Antique Show will be held at the Inn Saturday, Nov. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 26. Admission is \$1. The event is the 63rd show at the inn during the past 21 years. Each dealer will provide numerous items appropriate for holiday shopping. Lunch and dinner will be available in the inn's dining room. BotSFord Inn is at Grand River and Eight Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

TALES OF WISDOM

Storyteller Susan Danoff will present Tales of Wisdom, Humor and Entertainment in two performances, Saturday, Dec. 2 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, S. State at S. University streets. Admission is by free ticket only, available in the museum shop two weeks in advance. The presentation is a collection of folktales of Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Israel and other Middle Eastern countries.

Protect roses for winter survival

One way to work off those extra calories after Thanksgiving dinner might be to prepare your rose bushes for the winter.

Frank VonKoss of Birmingham says roses stop growing at 28 degrees Fahrenheit. He has advice for helping them survive the cold and making sure they will be in tip-top shape next spring.

Check the plants to be sure that all metal tags have been removed; the plants will die if these are left on. The tags will strangle the canes as the roses mature. Prune only the tall growing canes to the same height as the rest of the canes and tie them securely.

For our climate, Von Koss prefers rose cones with the tops cut off so that they can be removed to provide ventilation if unseasonably warm weather arrives. Keep the tops handy to put back on if temperatures drop, because the plants will be very tender and sensitive to sun and drying winds, in addition to cold.

Wind kills roses more than the cold, windy weather. A brick or stone will keep the tops in place. Cones go over the bare rose bushes — there is no need to use dirt or leaves with them.

Wearing heavy gloves and running

his hand quickly down the canes, he strips off all the foliage to eliminate loss of moisture in the plant and to get rid of a lot of fungus spores. If the foliage isn't stripped off, ventilation holes are necessary in the cones so that there will be circulation around the plants to prevent diseases from multiplying.

His garden contains more than 500 rose bushes planted very close together. After pruning, the roses in the raised beds are enclosed in a cold frame.

Other methods for winter protection include mounding dirt around and over the bushes to a height of 12 inches after pruning or a bean hamper packed with oak leaves (no others) is suitable protection.

When spring comes, don't be in too big a hurry to uncover the roses that you have protected so carefully during the winter. In Michigan, dormant spray shouldn't be applied in the spring as it will kill the "budding eyes" of the roses.

This rosarian also conducts rose growing classes in the spring and fall in local adult education programs. Check with your school district and take advantage of the knowledge this gentleman shares.

down to earth



Marty Figley

"Roses," Sunset Books (\$6.95 paper), explains the above procedures and includes illustrations. Buying information and care is written in a manner which is easy to understand. Color photographs of many roses, including landscaping ideas, are very helpful. The book contains a wealth of information concerning these well-loved flowers.

An interesting account of the quest to find old roses in this country and much historical information is told in the book, "In Search of Lost Roses," Thomas Christopher, Summit Books, (\$18.95 hardcover).

The author traveled to many states where he found old roses in such places as cemeteries, backwood areas of Texas and in abandoned mining towns in California. We learned how these plants arrived where they did. For instance, many were lovingly planted by pioneering wives to remind them of home. For

those of you who are old rose lovers and yearn to know the origins of your roses, this is must reading.

And finally, All-America Rose Societies Inc., a non-profit organization of rose growers and producers, has a new four-color brochure, "The Wonderful World of Roses," which contains updated information, as well as a listing of all AARS public gardens in the U.S.

To order a copy send a check for \$1, along with a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope, to: Dept. GW, c/o AARS, 221 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3900, Chicago, Ill. 60601.

Garden Tip for November

Fertilize broad-leaved evergreens, young conifers and rhododendrons. Then, water thoroughly.

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