

Floral show focuses on design

The Women's National Farm & Garden Association is presenting its 25th floral show, "Revolution in Design," 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday at Summit Place Mall, Waterford Township, with floral arrangements in the traditional styles of 25 years ago to the artistic styles of today. This is not just another flower show, but exhibits features of individual arrangements, colonial and oriental periods, hanging creations and underwater displays. There will be arrangements that complement paintings and lithographs, needlework, and more.

In addition table settings for any occasion will inspire viewers to try their hand at floral centerpieces when entertaining. Also, horticultural exhibits include houseplants, outdoor flowers, vegetables and herbs.

Creative arts and crafts, created by members of the WNF & G will be on display, as well as an exhibit of the Drayton Plains Nature Center, which receives support through the show.

It's being held in Summit Place Mall's Garden Court and Grand



down to earth
Marty Figley

Court, Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake roads, Waterford Township.

AS WE wind down our summer gardening chores, it's time to evaluate how we did in the water use department. 1. Were plants used that required less water than others? 2. Were those plants with like moisture needs used in the same beds? 3. Was some turf grass replaced with one that requires less water or with ground cover? 4. Were some lawn areas transformed into patios, decks or other hard surfaces? 5. Was much used? 6. Were drip irrigation or soaker hoses used?

All of these water saving techniques can be seen in a video, "Waterwise Gardening" (Sunset

\$14.95). At the present, it is only available in the western edition, but is still relates to this part of the country.

ONE OF the best ways for watering, in my opinion, is the soaker hose. It saves time and water. A fine one, Acu-Soaker is made by Wade Manufacturing, in that it has drippers spaced at 15 inch intervals along a 50 foot line; additional lines can be connected easily. Used above ground or buried, it resists clogging.

Easy Gardner, manufacturer of Weedblock landscape fabric, are offering a booklet, "Every Drop Counts," water-saving tips for healthy gardens. To obtain a copy, send a SASE (No.10) to: Every Drop

Counts, Easy Gardner, Inc., P.O. Box 21023, Waco, Texas 76702.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. is Fall Landscape Nursery Day, sponsored by the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association, at Detroit's Eastern Market. Growers, master gardeners and cooperative extension agents will be there to assist in selection and conduct educational programs. Free admission. A free flyer, "How to Plant and Grow an Indoor Bulb Garden" will be given.

If you're interested in furthering your education in landscaping or related industry jobs, scholarships (available for two or four year programs) sponsored by the MDLA, are now being accepted. Call 313-846-4992 for further information.

Also plan to attend the "Fall Planting Seminar," a slide talk and demonstration at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. And on Sept. 22 (2 p.m.) "Harvest Fest from Urban Gardens" bring your prize vegetable to be donated to a food program. Both Sunday Series affairs will be held at the Belle Isle Nature Center on Belle Isle. For more information, call 287-7157.

Crafters head for camp

A dozen craftspeople and collectors will show and sell their work during the daylong Fall Festival Sunday, Sept. 22, on the 320-acre site of Camp Oakland Youth Programs Inc.

The fourth annual festival runs 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Camp Oakland, 930 East Dasher Road, one mile east of Lapeer Road (M-24). Proceeds will benefit Camp Oakland's residential and day care counseling programs for adolescents and its Adventure Center.

Among the artisans showing will be West Bloomfield residents Ken Oates, with wooden children's toys, and Laura Berline, with personalized gifts and coat racks.

Barbara David of Troy will display hand-painted sweat shirts and T-shirts as well as stained glass. Alice Matthews of Birmingham will assist with demonstrations at the booth of the Detroit Handweavers

and Spinners Guild. She will help each visiting child spin yarn and make a friendship bracelet.

Matt Abbott of Birmingham will offer items in his collection of vintage, pre-1950 postcards.

Others at the festival will be Bernardine Karas, spice wreaths and pine cone ornaments; Phyllis Butters, dried arrangements and dolls; Yvonne Lampala, wreaths and swags; Cindy Bures, wooden items; Fireside Coffee, instant coffee mixes; Dorothy James, stained glass earrings and pins, and Liz Farnin, girls' country outfits.

The Festival features old-fashioned, family-style entertainment that includes carriage, pony and fire truck rides, continuous bingo, music and a farm zoo.

Admission, \$1 per person, includes free parking. Children under 8 are admitted free. For information, call 628-2561.

Local premiere slated for Vivaldi concertos

Chamberworks opens its new season with "A Celebration of Antonio Vivaldi: Opus III: L'Estro Armonico" to be given in two parts, at 4 p.m. Sunday and at 4 p.m. the next Sunday, Sept. 22, at Christ Church Cranbrook, Cranbrook and Lene Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

The artists are Victoria Hultom and Mary Richards, violins; Paul

Willington, violoncello; and Thomas M. Kuntz, harpsichord.

These two concerts mark the first local complete performance of the 12 concertos for one-four violins, strings and basso continuo.

General admission tickets are \$10 and seniors and students \$8. For tickets and information, call 643-7788.

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Share your holiday memories

It's that time of year when we ask or readers to recount their fondest memories of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's — those special memories that brighten these special holidays.

Send your reminiscences to us by Monday, Sept. 23. We'll consider printing them in the Gift Guide special section we'll publish on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29.

Submissions will be subject to editing. Because of limited space, please keep your memories to 250 words or less.

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In submitting memories, include your name, address and daytime phone number. It's fine to include a favorite photo. Color is acceptable, just make sure it'll reproduce in black and white.

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