

Flower show offers garden of delights for all

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special writer

The 1992 Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show, "A Touch of Country" sponsored by the University of Michigan and Matthaei Botanical Gardens, promises to delight all who attend, young or old.

Lectures scheduled

These lectures and demonstrations have been scheduled at the 1992 flower show, underwritten by the Ann Arbor Woman's Farm and Garden Association.

- Thursday, April 2**
- 11 a.m. to noon: "Backyard Tree Care," Bill Lawrence
 - 1-2 p.m.: "Growing, Harvesting and Drying Herbs," Peter Stark
 - 3-4 p.m.: "Through the Seasons in a Shade Gardening," Jim Wilkins
 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.: "You Can Grow Rhododendrons in Ann Arbor," Carolyn Dana Lewis
- Friday, April 3**
- 9-10 a.m.: "Ameriflora 92," Peter Katke
 - 11 a.m. to noon: "Easy Herb Gardening," Marilyn Hampstead
 - 1-2 p.m.: "Water Gardening," Curt Smith
 - 3-4 p.m.: "Master Planning Your Yard," Jack Goodnoe
 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.: "Basic Herbal

vide ample space for all displays and for visitors to walk at their leisure and enjoy the festivities.

Cooking, Cindy Brautigan.

- Saturday, April 4**
- 9:30-10:30 a.m.: "Low Maintenance Perennials and Ornamental Grasses," Charlene Harris
 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: "Flower Arranging with a Country Touch," Ayla Kelly
 - 1:30-2:30 p.m.: "Dubs in the Garden," Deborah Elliott
 - 3:30-4:30 p.m.: "Creating a Bonsai," Bruce Baker
 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.: "Beyond the Ordinary: Unique Flower Arrangements," Cherle Rehkopf and John Oza
- Sunday, April 5**
- 11 a.m. to noon: "Trough and Container Gardens with Miniature Plantings," Charlene Harris
 - 1-2 p.m.: "Home Composting — Easy Ways to Build a Healthy Garden," Susan Drew
 - 3-4 p.m.: "Ameriflora 92," Peter Katke

the east end of the grounds will lead visitors to the displays. Eight exhibits will whet the appetite of those who may want to try some landscaping ideas in their own gardens.

Wind Garden

"Wind Garden" is filled with a wonderful and fanciful menagerie of mobiles, sculptures and other eye-catching pieces. Anyone from 1 to 100 will love them. These whimsical works of art by Jerome Kamowski, Ann Arbor, professor emeritus at the University of Michigan, will also be found throughout the show.

THE HORTICULTURAL exhibit will feature 23 adult and two children's classes, espalier trees and garage gardening (avocado pits and pineapple tops), wild seeds and miniature landscapes hold court. Also included are the 10 best entries from schools.

Competitive design classes of floral displays must follow specific rules. Amateur floral designers will use their expertise, using fresh and/or dried material, accessories and furniture.

There will be themes such as "Weatherwane," "Up a Lazy River" and "Country Kitchen." Eleven special plant societies will be represented, including Ikebana International, American Gourd, Lily, the Herb Society of America Inc. and the Bromeliad Society.

LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS will be available for consultation and an information center, as will 14 educational groups representing horticultural and environmental issues.

A special added feature is a series of lectures and demonstrations during the show (see related listing.) Seating will be available for 150 people.

bought at Bordines, Rochester, Eaton's Nursery, West Bloomfield; Sparr's Flowers, Plymouth, or a Ticket Master outlet (a fee will be charged). Tickets at the gate will be \$7 and \$3. Tours can be arranged.

A preview gala is planned 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. Countries of Europe will be highlighted with food and music. Tickets are \$35 each. Call 598-7002.

Parking for 2,000 cars is adjacent to the buildings. Comfortable shoes or boots are recommended, especially if it is rainy. All parking areas are not paved. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, April 2-4, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 5.

The Washtenaw Farm Council Ground is at 6055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Take I-94 west to Exit 175, south on Ann Arbor-Saline Road, M-14 west, 23 south, I-94 west, Exit 175.

Workshop is planned

Leslie Mahoney and Colleen Schmidt of Goldenrod Wash Floral will offer a living wreath workshop at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

Verdi talk set

David DiChiera, general director of the Michigan Opera Theatre, will lecture on the genius of famous Italian operatic composer Giuseppe Verdi 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus.

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