

Glass classes available

Winter classes are offered at the Touch of Light Studio and Gallerie of Handblown Glass, 23426 Woodward, just south of I-496, in Ferndale.

A weekend class will take place Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29. A

Tuesday evening class started March 24 and will run for eight weeks. Sessions run concurrently 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Call the studio at 543-1868, or stop by for more information.

Journal's information crosses miles



gardener's book nook

Marty Figley

Horus, a small paperback journal, is published in Britain, but contains much information for here and abroad.

Each issue includes accounts of gardening adventures, plant profiles, visits to famous gardens and more. To launch the U.S. debut, the autumn 1991 issue (No. 19) was devoted to American gardening and gardeners.

Yearly subscriptions (\$50) are available for this quarterly publication, only from Green Shade Inc., P.O. Box 547, Cape Neddick, Maine 03902-0547. They would be an excellent addition to a library.

I suggest you back order No. 19 for an American treat.

THE PRETTY "The Scented Lavender Book," Lois Vickers (Ballantine Press/Little Brown, \$16.95), comes with a lavender ribbon around it, and relates the history of Lavenders.

It introduces the reader to many species, describes the different leaf forms and flowers, and gives recipes for using the plants for culinary purposes, crafts and the bath. It is interesting to learn how the oils are distilled. Look no further if lavender is for you.

"Organic Garden Vegetables," George Van Patten (\$9.95, paper), is complete in its approach to this type of gardening, from planting, choosing varieties, protecting and using the produce.

Instructions for growing more than 50 vegetables are clear, with simple line drawings to explain in more detail. I recommend this one. Check garden and bookstores for it (Borders carries it) or Van Patten Publishing, 4204 S.E. Ogden St., Portland, Ore. 97206 (add \$3 postage and handling).

DON'T LET the 1991 year in the title sway you. "Southern Living 1991 Garden Annual" (Osmoor House, \$14.95 paper) will be current for many years. It contains wonderful information such as flower origins along with growing tips.

Divided into monthly sections, there are special notes for southern and western states. This would be a welcome gift for a southern friend or to take along if you move to Maryland, Texas or any southern state in between.

"Tiny Game Hunting," Klein and Wenner (Bantam, \$8.50), suggests to have patience when you stop using chemicals to control these little pests, and tells how to enrich the soil for stronger plants. Beneficial good guys will return.

Controls from hand-picking to homemade sprays fill the book. Suggestions for controlling indoor pests (ants, moths, etc.) are also included. Descriptions for easy identification and the drawings teach what to look for and when. Get the children involved with this book.

BROOKLYN Botanic Garden has again produced excellent handbooks. The writers are tops in their fields. "The Winter Garden" covers areas all across the United States. I especially enjoyed the chapter about Hellebores.

"Perennials: A Gardener's Guide," lists plants for extended color and foliage interest in addition to specifics about many popular perennials, including native plants and herbs.

"Bulbs" covers the subject splendidly, describes their beauty and explains their needs for every season, indoors and out. In addition, we learn some history and the way they are constructed. Color photos will encourage one to add these plants to the garden.

Each costs \$6.95 plus \$3.25 postage and handling, from Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225. Inquire about their garden videos.

"THE MULCH BOOK: A Complete Guide for Gardeners," Stu Campbell, updated by Donna Moore (Storey, \$8.95, paper), explains the places and reasons of mulching and the myriad thing to use for mulch, from organic (living plants) to inorganic (rocks, fabric, etc.).

The style is conversational and easy to read. This book contains good, solid information for fruits, veggies and ornamentals.

Gallery sets auction, preview

The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court, Bloomfield Hills, will conduct an auction at 6 p.m. both Thursday and Friday, April 2 and 3.

The auction will feature antique

CLARIFICATION: Tickets for the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show gala preview Wednesday, April 1, are \$25 each. Call 998-1002.

GARDEN CALENDAR

• **Bonsai expert** Dean Atkinson will bring his decades of experience in styling skills to the next meeting of the Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Oakland County, 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Summit Place Mall on Telegraph in Pontiac.

The meeting will be in the second level community room entrance. Visitors are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Call secretary Marge Clayton at 667-0185 for information.

• **The March meeting** of the Detroit Rose Society will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, in the Tel-Twelve Mall community room, Telegraph and 12 Mile in Southfield. The public may attend.

• **Bob Mortensen**, consulting rosarian from the Detroit Rose Society, will present a program, "Garden Tools." The program will place special emphasis on minimizing the costs of garden tools as well as which tools to use in maintaining a rose garden this season.

• **Jim Slezinski**, Goldner Walsh Nursery's head landscape designer with more than 25 years experience, will conduct free pruning seminars at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Avenue, one mile east of Telegraph in Pontiac.

The seminars will cover pruning techniques, proper tools, maintenance and timing. Refreshments and door prizes will be featured. Call 332-6430 for reservations.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham.

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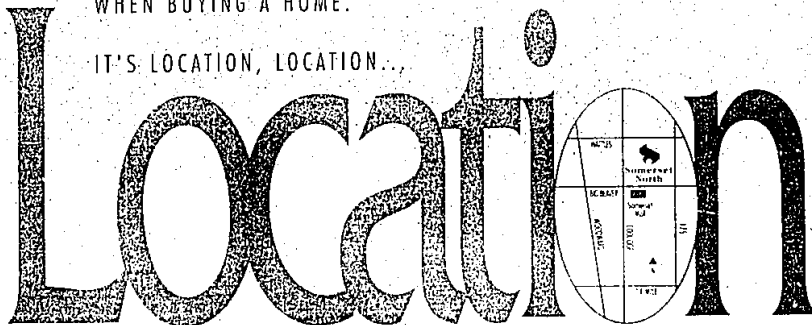
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