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Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Oakland Press, Nikon World, Oarkroom magazine and Dividend magazine.

"In 1979, five major things happened, I took Ansel Adams' work shop in California, won the grand brize in The Detroit News photography contest, had work accepted by the Halsted Gellery, began feaching at the Farmington Community Center and walked into the Observer & Eccentric with four columns I'd written on speculation and photographs, Nagler said.

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In 1989, a collection of those rolumns and photos became the book, "How to Improve Your Photographic Vision." His second book, "Statements of Light" was published in 1992.

It's obvious Nagler loves to trach photography as well. Scattered throughout the interview were references to what the tries to mstill in his students. In addition to a commercial photography business, Nagler teaches the fine are at the Farmington-Garmington Hills Community Center and Burningham Community House.

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Birmingham Community House. Spina, meanwhile, serves as an all-seeing eye, documenting 50 years of world history while Kagler captures the serenity of earth's landscape. A dazding visual-experience to treasure for some time to come, the exhibit is apon-sored by the Livonia Arts Commission.

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In the last 50 years, Spins has photographed nine U.S. Presidents, four Popes and an endleas list of dignitaries. He has recorded tears and pain as well as cheering in celebration of liberty and freedom.

Follow his Navy days covering the Sept. 2, 1945, peace treaty siming with Japan on the USS Missouri. As chief photographer for the Detroit Free Press, walk behind Spins and the troops down Linwood at the height of the 1967 Detroit riots.

'These are only a thumbnall of the historical events that we covered, from big Labor Day parades with President Kennedy to G-7 and President Cinton," said Spins, a recipient of more than 450 national and international photography awards and honors.

There are none that are favorites. You cover the assignments. You try to evoke a human response through the medium of the camera.

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From a rabbi praying in King David's atomb to the Walling Wall in Jerusalem. Spina reflects on quiet beauty with reverence.

Riveting images of Martin Luter King Jr, the 1950 inauguration of President John F. Kennerky, a 1956 Elvis Presley, boxing champ Joe Louis at Springhill Farms in 1946, Queen Elizabeth, Mother Teresa, students protesting the Victnam War, the last photo of Jimmy Hoffa — they are all here. Spina immortalizes them all.

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signment, you try to get some-thing a little different," said Spi-na, motioning to an aerial view of a hydroplane racing for the Gold Cup on the Detroit River. "Edi-tors expect you to get to the boat crossing the finishing line but from the ground, you can't see the boat becoming alrborne as it bounces across the water to the finish line."

spina was 14 when he picked up a small camera laying around the house. After graduating from Cass Technical High School in Detroit, he studied law for two years in college but succumbed to the sirens of photojournalism.

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The decision made, he was on his way as a stringer for Associated Press covering aports. The World War II broke out. He joined the Navy, serving as a chief photographer's mate. Traveling to North African, European and Asiatic cheaters of operation, Spina photographed the events of war as well as its tattered children. Spina joined the Detroit Free Press as a staff photographer in 1946. By 1952, he was named chief photographer; he was named special assistant to the managing

Get down to roots

The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will have a root sale 1-3 pm. Saturday, April 30, in the community room of the Southfield Adult Center, 34350 Civic Center Drive, east of Tele-graph.
All colots, sizes and types will be available for sale. Anyone may attend. Admission is free.

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editor in 1986. In 1985, he received the highest honor be-stowed on a photojournalist from the National Press Photographers Association, the Sprague Memorial Award.

Two years earlier, NPPA had honored him with a fellowship in recognition of 45 years service to photojournalism, the advancement of the art, his encouragement to others, and leadership in improving color in today's news-

As a member of the Detroit Free Press team, Spina won a Pullitare Prize for coverage of the Detroit riots. An author as well as a photojournalist, Spina awalts a November release for his seventh book, tentatively titled, "Five Decades of Detroit."

Exhibition hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Herbs to be topic

Judy Cornellier, long-time gar-dener and member of the Herb Society of America, will share her expertise 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 29, at the Troy Public Library.

This Friday Forum program This Friday Forum program will introduce you to preparing a spot to grow herbs for use in cooking. The library is at 510 W. Big Beaver, just east of 1-75, between Crooks and Livernois in the Civic Center Complex. Call (810) 524-3545.

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nearest the ground turns a creamy color. At harvest time, invite the neighbors to a watermelon party!

Sprite splrit

If you're looking for a shade-tolerant perennial, Astilbe simpli-cifolls "Sprite" may be just what your garden needs. This Astilbe hooms with small, light-pink florets on graceful arching branches from July to August. Its 15- to 18-inch height makes it sultable for use as an accent plant, in mass plantings or with ferns and hostes as I am growing my astilbes. It compliments pulferns and hostas as 1 am growing my astilles. It compliments pul-monaria, ligularia and other plants with large foliage, especial-ly since the foliage of astilles is fine-textured and deep green.

The key to success with these plants is moisture and a well-drained location, with fertile soil, slightly acidic. Because they are heavy feeders, fertilize in the spring before growth starts (10-6-4 or 10-10-10) and again lightly in the fall. Follow package directions.

Now that I've interested you in this new Perennial Plant of the Year for 1994, so named by the Perennial Plant Association, I must tell you that the associa-tion's quarterly bulletin reports that you may not find it this year.

These plants are imported mostly from Holland, which experienced a wet growing season, delaying harvest and causing a decrease in production. If you can't find "Sprite," put on your must-

TIMELY GARDEN TIPS

■ Now's the time to give your grass a boost with a slow-release fertilizer. Apply a product to prevent crabgrass until May 10.

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Re-seed bare spots on the lawn.
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contains a mixture of seeds and
fertilizer. Roll-Lawn is a biodegradable wood mulch mut by
Conwell Fibers that contours to
the soil surface when wet and
keeps seeds in place.

■ Plant and transplant trees and shrubs. Choose shrubs while they're in bloom to get the color you want.

■ Leave a bare space around trees when they are planted — don't let the grass grow right up against the trunk. Damage from weed-whippers can result when the string hits the tree.

If you use wood chips, pine needles, etc. to mulch around trees, apply it no more than three to four inches deep and keep it 10 inches away from the trunk. If it is up ngainst the trunk it will eventually rot the bark and kill the tree. the tree.

■ Give your emerging perennials a treat with a 5-10-5 fertilizer, or aged manure. Water fertilizer in well.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Bir-mingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (310) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax



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