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**New gardens**

Previous gardens have been renovated and enhanced by their designers. This year Four Seasons Garden Center of Southfield is beginning a five-year restoration program of the rose garden. National Landscape of Southfield is installing a new garden in the courtyard near the bridge. The Topiary Zoo Water Garden in the courtyard is sure to please and delight.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy the "G" gauge railroad garden being constructed by the Lakeshore Garden Railway Club, composed of 60 members.

"Yes, we've been playing in the sand," club member George Cromer said.

The railroad will recreate Michigan logging of early in the 20th century. It will have a variety of structures reminiscent of that era with a village and logging camp in the woods. There will be some 1900 trucks, horse-drawn vehicles and "little people" all in scale. Many members are involved and will answer questions about their club.

**Planting ideas**

In addition to the large display, set-ups for beginning garden rail-roaders will demonstrate that you can start small.

**Rose show set**

The Detroit Rose Society's Spring Rose Show is Saturday, Sunday, June 18-19, at Universal Mall, Dequindre and 12 Mile in Warren.

The show will be during regular mall hours. Join the society in celebration of our national flower. Enjoy hundreds of beautiful roses of all types, from the classic hybrid teas to delightful miniatures.

Foliage plants, bonsai and alpine make up the garden part of this display. Rick Born, assistant wholesale manager of Ray Will-gand's Nursery of McComb, is in charge of providing the plant material for this garden. He finds special or unusual plants when required. Born will be there from the start of installation to the end of the show, he said.

"I will be caring for the plants such as watering and doing any pruning that may be necessary," he said.

New this year will be a Classic Car Garden, in which 12 cars will be displayed in a landscape setting. One of them is a silver 1958 Mercedes Roadster convertible with dark blue and black interior restored by Marc Dutton, owner of Dutton Irrigation of Waterford. His firm has handled all the irrigation for Meadow Brook for more than 16 years.

Three hundred fifty 5-foot evergreens will form a Circular Maze Garden that will challenge attendees through a network of paths and passages. Designed by Ron Krueger of Northwind Farms/Landscape of Ulster, it will be constructed by Alexander Nursery of Mount Clemens.

Knoll Cottage, the playhouse of Frances Dodge, will be landscaped by Estlin Nursery of West Bloomfield. It will feature a cowboy and Indian theme. Peggy's Dolls, Toys and Miniatures of Rochester is the designer. An Indian chief and squaw will read stories to the children. This is a special feature that children will love.

**Show and sell**

The Pewabic Pottery Society of Detroit will be exhibiting and selling a collection of garden art. Pewabic Pottery, founded in 1903 by Mary Chase Perry Stratton, continues to be a non-profit or-

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ganization.

"In addition to a production facility we maintain a museum which includes several exhibition galleries for ceramics at the Pottery and serves as an educational facility," said Tim Drexler, director of sales and marketing.

Pegasus fountain is made of Pewabic tiles.

The Michigan Pottery Association's "Walk, 'Earthy Delights II,'" will feature many garden pieces that will be for sale.

In the back courtyard visitors will find large garden carts where six plant societies including the Herb, Rose and Hemerocallis societies will display their collections, conduct demonstrations and answer questions.

Dozens of exhibitors will provide over the Market Place. The newest in lawn equipment, tools, furniture, nursery stock and many other products for the garden will be available. After the show plant materials will be for sale.

There is something for the whole family: 32 wonderful, professionally landscaped gardens to inspire, knowledgeable people to answer questions, and good concessions to satisfy any appetite.

The show is co-sponsored by the MDLA and Meadow Brook Hall, a self-supporting cultural institution of Oakland University. Meadow Brook Hall, the former home of Mattie Dodge Wilson, is listed on both the Michigan and National Registry of Historic Places. Tours of the hall will be conducted during the show for an additional fee.

**French tarragon** — Two or three harvests per year are possible. Cut when it's 18 inches tall. Use it fresh on fish dishes, or make a flavored vinegar.

**Basil** — Keep the flower stalks pinched off the plant for more foliage. When making vinegar, use white for the cap, regular cider for the green. Make a pesto base, then freeze for winter use.

**Parley** — When harvesting, cut the foliage from the outside completely to ground level. It's full of vitamin C.

**Summer savory** — Harvest when it's about six inches tall. Frequent snipping will extend the harvest. When it insists on flowering, cut the whole plant down, dry it, strip the leaves and store.

**Coriander** — All parts are edible. Leaves are called cilantro, used in culinary dishes. Leaves, roots and seeds are used in marinades. One-half teaspoon ground coriander seed added to the batter of a loaf of ginger, carrot or banana bread is a treat.

Herbs can be found at Farmer's Markets, Telly's Greenhouse in Troy and Clyde Smith & Sons in Westland.

I'll be happy to share more about these fascinating plants with your group. Just call. And enjoy your herbs!

**TIMELY GARDEN TIPS**

**Punch** several small holes in the bottom of tin cans and sink them into the ground around large plants — tomatoes will benefit. Fill the cans with water and it will drip out slowly to give the plants a drink.

**OSMOCOTE**, a slow-release fertilizer by Grace Sierra, has a

new name: ONCE.

**A new hands-on gardening magazine** launched by Ames Lawn & Garden Tools and Stern's Miracle-Gro, Easy Lawn & Garden, is available on newsstands.

**Landscape fabric** would be a good solution to weeds invading a sandbox. Simply level the area and lay the fabric down before adding sand.

**Soaker hoses** save water. Put them in now when the perennials are up and annuals are in to better position them for maximum use.

**Water the soil thoroughly** before applying liquid fertilizer to container plants to avoid burning the root system.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

**Classes scheduled**

Summer classes for children, teens and adults at the Creative Arts Center of North Oakland County, 47 Williams in Pontiac, will take place Thursdays and Saturdays June 18 to Aug. 13.

For schedules and information on programs, call (810) 333-7849.

Some of the activities offered in a summer camp program for youngsters ages 5-8 and 9-14 are book-reading, drama, dance and movement, drawing, ceramics, collage, painting, weaving, construction and permaculture.

Confetti Camp, a multicultural summer art program for Hispanic, Asian-American and American Indian children, is also offered.

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