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Any organization interested in more information about applying for a VSAMI grant can call VSAMI executive director Lora Frankel at (810) 548-9298 or write VSAMI, 821 W. 11 Mile, Royal Oak 48067 for proposal guidelines.

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## Garden from page 1D

strum"), Veronica ("Blue Charm") and Shasta Daisy ("Polaris" and "Alaska"). There aren't any red flowers.

"You see I do one thing with love and it rewards us so much and that is the dividing of the daisies every year. They grow all the way through the garden from three original plants. Every year I have to lift them if I want to get a good display."

The daisies would die out in two to three years and be gone if they weren't divided regularly, she said.

Some other plants are Obelisk, False dragonhead, Liatris, Silver Queen, Johnson's Blue Geranium, Lilies, Aster, Foxglove, Eranthis, Lamium, Lamb's ear and Phlox — all perennials; the list goes on and on.

Biennials include Foxgloves and Hollyhocks, while some annuals are White Alyssum, Impatiens, Cleome, Cosmos and Blue Salvia. If plants self-seed and they don't want them, they just pull them out. This past year they tried a tall, purple Verbena bonariensis and it performed beautifully.

"We try a lot of different things that we're having fun with," Don said.

Included are Ligularia and Arunculus, for instance.

### Keep It Simple

"We try to keep everything very simple," Thes said. "Buy the longest living stuff — disease resistant, etc. — and those that are the least trouble. I must tell you, I'm going to be quite firm. The mums are coming out of the garden — too much work, pinching, etc. and they must be divided every year or you'll lose them."

They agree that the worst perennial doesn't mean that a plant will live forever. Most plants need to be divided every few years to help keep them healthy and blooming.

For the longest time of bloom, most plants need to be deadheaded religiously. If this is done every day the task never becomes overwhelming, according to the Blomquist.

They're just adding vines and roses to their collection. Honey-suckle and Silver Lace grow alongside eight varieties of Clematis that grow against a

trellis attached to the garage. The trellises are white plastic because it doesn't wear out and requires no maintenance.

Don devised a system of 3-inch diameter PVC pipe and attached it to the garage wall to hold the trellis and keep it away from the wooden wall. The trellis is attached to the pipe with electrical ties.

### Supporting role

Hardy roses are kept in one corner of the property because they don't like to spray much. There are David Austins, old species roses, and a ramble rose that is supposed to grow so prolific and strong that it needs a tree to support it.

The first year it was left to spread three to four feet across the ground under the tree and was covered totally with mulch for the winter. This spring they will begin to train it up the tree. A trellis will provide additional support.

Don maintains a woodland garden that contains Hostas, Ferns, Jack-in-the-Pulpit and Trillium. A large trial area contains gift plants and extra divisions.

The irregular-shaped beds are formed by laying hose on the ground. Don uses diamond weed barrier strips and says, "Buy the best."

### Care

When planting, Don fills each

hole with a mixture of Stern's Miracle-Gro (2 tablespoons to 2 gallons of water) and mixes Canadian Sphagnum peat with the soil.

"I'd say there's thousands of gallons of Miracle-Gro that's been poured around this garden," he said.

He explained that the plants use it up in two weeks, but they don't add more then. If a plant isn't doing well or they want to speed up something, they pour the solution over the foliage. He sometimes uses Upstart to give the roots an additional boost.

In the spring and fall they use a granular 6-10-6 fertilizer.

"We're very casual gardeners, we just shake it on the beds — don't necessarily water it in."

They water when necessary and they've found that as long as the sprinkler is very fine like a summer rain it doesn't damage the plants. Soaker hoses are used in the rose bed.

The beds are mulched with pine bark and when they plant in the spring the mulch is spread aside, compost added around the new plant and the bark replaced.

They're always trying something new. Last fall they began composting in a garbage bag. Perennials are cut down in the fall and annuals removed.

"We enjoy having visitors come; some have become our close friends."

## Exhibit from page 1D

er to rearrange the familiar. He has taken the individual words to such recognized pieces as the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer and placed them inside globes of liquid. When the globes are shaken, the words are stirred up from the bottom, float in the liquid and rearrange themselves into new statements.

"She is Learning How to Speak" by Teresa Shields is about women finding their voices and speaking for themselves. It features handmade books, mirrors and a musical tape. The viewer sounds out 10 words (including "secure" and "trust"), looking at the mirrors and handling the books. Some of the books contain

drawings of lips forming the words while others contain Braille print. A piano bench suggests song or voice.

Viewers can share the scene from Norman Colp's "STEAM: My view from P51." The work has 23 small black and white pictures of a Con Edison plant, arranged so that they can be turned like an old-fashioned nickelodeon to make an uninterrupted "motion" picture. P51 is a former grammar school converted into studios and exhibit spaces.

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