

Flower, garden show offers water wonderland

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Enjoy the musical sounds of a rushing waterfall as you stroll through the serene quietness of an upper Michigan beech-maple forest, across a wide cedar walkway over a trout-filled pond as you enter the sixth annual Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show.

The event, taking place Thursday-Sunday, March 23-25, is sponsored by the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens. The theme, "A Little Water Music," will enable visitors to see examples of lily ponds, waterfalls, wetlands and unusual ecosystems that exemplify Michigan as the Great Lakes State.

"This show offers excellent garden and landscape ideas for beginners as well as experts; plant professionals will be available throughout the show to answer personal garden questions," said Margaret Vergith, promotion coordinator for Matthaei Gar-

dens. "We are extremely proud that this year's show has been listed as one of the top flower and garden shows in the country in many national garden magazines and Travel and Leisure magazine. We are now rated as one of the top shows in the country."

The show will be at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 6085 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, in Ann Arbor, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 23-24, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 25. Shuttle buses will be at Briarwood Mall to take visitors to and from the show - take the I-94 State Street Exit 177. Cost is \$1 per person round-trip. Parking at the show is free.

All Michigan Kroger Food Stores and other designated locations will have advance tickets. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4-12, free for children 3 years old and under. Tickets at the show door are \$5 for adults,

and the same as above for children. Seniors may buy tickets at the door for \$7 Thursday-Friday, March 23-24.

An opening night gala - including music, beverages and hors d'oeuvres - will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22. Gala tickets per person are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. To order gala tickets, write Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Diabolo Road, Ann Arbor 48105, or call (313) 938-7002.

Glorious gardens

The entry garden "Up in Michigan" sponsored by the Ford Motor Co. was designed and created by Korzon Landscape of Ann Arbor and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. "Discover" models in the fir, hemlock and pine forest and enjoy a preview of spring as native wildflowers such as bloodroot, Virginia bluebells, Dutchman's breeches, hepatica bloom

in profusion. More than 20,000 plants will be in spectacular bloom and add a wonderful setting for the show. The 11 splendid garden exhibit displays will showcase trees and shrubs, such as our native Dogwood, annuals and perennials and will feature waterfalls, reflecting pools, water jets, Japanese gardens, a 14-foot waterfall and wetland settings in keeping with the theme of the show. Large topiaries will be the highlight of one garden.

Now this year, a Small Space Garden exhibit area will feature low-maintenance plantings and abound with ideas for urban gardeners with smaller lots and limited time.

In bloom

Once again the Michigan Orchid Society will display an array of plants in all their glory. Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary of

Bloomfield Hills will have a double display featuring a water wheel; members have been designing and working on the display for several months. Committee members Dory and Tom Izant of Birmingham even recruited the help of their son, Charlie, an engineering designer.

A Standard Flower Show, produced in cooperation with the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, will be a large part of this exhibition. Many Observer and Egoistic are readers are participating. Some are Lucille Tucker of Rochester, Mrs. Karl Williams, Sarah Owers and Cindy Brautigan of Plymouth, and Jan Reese of Keller & Stein Florist of Canton.

Exhibit titles include "Gone Fishin'" and "Company's Coming." Vignettes, floral arrangements, bulbs, houseplants and more will delight. A special youth display will make the visitor chuckle with creations made with fruits and vegetables.

Special features

During the evening hours of the show, the music of Handel, Bach, Ravel and other composers will be performed by accomplished musicians, adding a wonderful ambience.

Garden accessories, services, orchids, statuary and much more will fill the popular Marketplace. This is a shopper's paradise. Back by popular demand, the antique area will feature distinctive ornaments, furniture and garden supplies.

The Green Thumb Cafe will offer enticing light fare at reasonable prices, where visitors can enjoy a leisurely, restful period.

There is something for everyone at the Ann Arbor Flower Show. Innovative landscaping ideas are showcased, the Standard Flower Show is a plus, beautiful flowers and trees in full bloom, music and a fresh breath of spring, all under one BIG roof. Where else would you rather be in Michigan at this time of year?

PCCA exhibits, art festival win grants

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts has been awarded two grants totaling \$18,950 for fiscal 1995 from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

One grant of \$10,000 has been allocated to the Paint Creek Center's exhibition program. Each year the non-profit PCCA presents eight group exhibits in its

Main Gallery and eight concurrent solo shows in its First Floor Gallery.

A second MCACA grant of \$8,950 has been awarded to the PCCA's September Art in Apple Festival at Rochester Municipal Park. This money is primarily for artistic advancement of the 1995 art fair, bringing the temporary

outdoor sculpture show "Installments" back for its second year and widening the scope of performing arts.

"We were thrilled to hear of the MCACA grant allocations," said PCCA development director Lynette Tetlow. "This funding will have a positive impact on our plans for the current exhibition

season as well as this year's Art & Apple Festival."

The purpose of MCACA grants is to provide quality arts services to the people of Michigan. In 1994 the PCCA received a council grant of \$13,000 for Art & Apple to launch the first "Installments" outdoor sculpture exhibition.

Bonsai club to meet

The Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan will meet 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak.

The public may attend. Admission is free.

The church is between 11 Mile and Gardenia; its entrance is on the porch facing Campbell.

For more information, call Marge Clayton at (810) 667-0185 or Rox Evansoff at (810) 354-6119.

Propagation and growing bonsai from cuttings will be on the program. Light refreshments will be served.

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Spring classes slated at Pewabic Pottery

Pewabic Pottery offers a variety of classes for spring.

The classes run April 1 through June 12. No sessions Memorial Day weekend. For information, call Pewabic Pottery at (313) 822-0954.

Tuition is \$250, including 100 pounds of clay (five loaves), glazes and firing. Clay used in excess of 100 pounds may be bought through the gallery. A tile making class 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays will introduce methods of designing and fabricating tile. Students

will model original tile and learn to create plaster molds for reproducing their originals, and will work to complete one fully grouted tile panel or comparable project.

A basic ceramics class 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays will introduce basic ceramic materials and techniques and is suited for the beginning and intermediate student.

Hand building and wheel throwing will be presented, with projects ranging from functional to sculptural. Students will have the opportunity to experience low and high temperature firing techniques, including raku and soda firing.

In wheel throwing classes 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays for beginning and intermediate students, basic and advanced throwing techniques for forming functional pottery will be demonstrated. The rest of class time will be dedicated to personal guidance.

In a basic ceramics-hand building class 1-4 p.m. Thursdays, projects will be focused on making vessel and tableware and geared to introduce various hand building and surface treatment techniques. The class is suited for beginners and intermediate students. Advanced students may pursue ongoing projects.

A class on sculpture with clay and other materials 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays will explore a range of hand building, modeling and mold making techniques. Some work will focus on the figure and sculpture will work from a model. No previous experience is required. People who wish to draw from the model are invited for those sessions. Call instructor Jim Markley at Pewabic Pottery for date details. The class has an additional \$15 model fee.

Signup continues at center

Registration continues for the 1995 spring term at the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac.

Classes begin March 30 at 47 Williams, between Orchard Lake Road and Huron. For information, call the center at (810) 333-7849.

Classes offered this term include "Cinematic Arts in the 20th Century," taught by Detroit Institute of Arts assistant film curator Larry Baranski; "Seminar in Poetics," taught by poet and Wayne State University professor Chris Tysch.

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