Fertilizer facts spread

The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile, behind Kimball High School.

The speaker will be Pat Hibbard. Her program will be on organic and inorganic fertilizers plus trace elements. The public may attend.

Hibbard is a consulting rosarian and judge. She is the only member of the Great Lakes District to have received the prestigious Gold Medal Award from the American Rose Society.

Hibbard has been a member of the rose societies since 1979. She presently grows more than 400 roses.

Art camp scholarship offered

Auditions for Oakland County junior and senior high school students who would like to earn a scholarship to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer will take place Tuesday-Thursday, April 11-13.

The west Michigan summer arts school offers a number of scholarship and other financial aid programs for gifted students, including those whose family income would otherwise prevent their participation.

Financial aid is available for music art, theater and dance majors. Music programs include band, orchestra and choir. Auditions will include all arts areas except dance.

Students enrolled in public and non-public schools may audition.

Tuesday auditions will be 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Norup Middle School in Oak Park. For application forms and more information, call Judy Peters at (810) 544-5830.

Wednesday auditions will be after school at Keller Junior High School in Royal Oak. For application forms and more information, call David Jensen at (810) 541-5225.

Thursday auditions will be 8:30-10 a.m. at Page Middle School in Madison Heights. For more information, call Chuck MacLaughlin at (810) 589-3428.

Blue Lake, 15 miles north of Muskegon, is one of the largest summer arts schools in the United States. Nearly 3,600 children and youths from throughout Michigan and 35 other states and foreign countries attended Blue Lake last summer.

Music award auditions set

The Birmingham Musicale announces auditions for the Jean Hohmeyer String Scholarship.

Auditions for the $300 scholarship will take place 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at First Baptist Church on Willits in Birmingham. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 29. For application forms, call (313) 375-9534.

Applicants must be high school students in either 11th or 12th grade, be Oakland County residents and perform on violin, viola, cello or string bass.

The audition requires one selection from each of the following categories: baroque or classical period, and romantic or modern period. The total performance time shouldn't exceed 10 minutes. One copy of each selection must be provided for the adjudication panel. Applicants must provide their own accompanists.

Portraiture taught

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers a two-session portraiture workshop for adults 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, April 26 and May 3.

Gain confidence in drawing portraits and hone observation skills. All skill levels. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 19. Call the PCCA at (810) 651-4110 for more information.

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Book auction to benefit area charities

Eight specially designed limited edition books, featuring photographs from Oakland Community College alumni, will be auctioned to benefit several local charities at "Art for Heart's Sake," a silent auction taking place to April 14 at the Oakland Community College Royal Oak Campus, 739 S. Washington.

The beautiful books are on display and bids will be accepted at the OCC photo lab to April 14. Bidding closes Saturday, April 15. The minimum bid per book is $100. For more information, call the OCC photo lab at (810) 544-5582.

Featured artists include Anne McCarthy, Beverly Sault, Bridget Barrett, Bridget Bourgon, Dominique Babao, Elayne Gross, Jay Ingram, Kurt Klungler, Loraine Meyers; Michelle Stamler, Rob Kangas, Siouxsan Miller, Steve Fox and Tina Gibbons. Book cover artists include Gross, Meyers, Stamler, Beverly DiGaetano, Diane Townsley, Jude Buresh and Gerald Wockesser.

Among the charities that will benefit from the proceeds are the David Tidwell Scholarship Fund, the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, the Native American Resource Fund and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"The cover of each book has been uniquely designed by a different area artist and the contents of each book carefully selected exclusively for this project," said Meyers, who initiated the project and secured the artists' participation. "We wanted to create a very special collection to support important area organizations that help others in need."

Registration on for spring art classes

Register now for the eight-week session of spring classes beginning April 22 at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

Enroll early — classes fill quickly. Registration may be made in person at the art center or by phone. The PCCA is at 407 Pine, two blocks west of Main in *downtown Rochester. For a brochure* of spring classes, call the PCCA at (810) 651-4110 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Afterschool or Saturday classes for youths include clay, drawing, mixed media, painting and the introductory "Experience Art,' which encourages self-expression in various media.

Daytime or evening offerings *are available for* adults in bookbinding, clay, drawing, painting, papermaking, portraiture, photography or watercolor.

Six new offerings join the PCCA spring schedule. Young adults (ages 10-14) can master the basics of comics art in "Cartooning" 4:30-6 p.m. Thursdays, April 27 to June 15. The same age group can also learn about three famous artists and then apply that knowledge to class projects in "Art and Artists" 10-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, beginning April 29.

A new "Watercolor II' for intermediate and advanced adult students will be offered 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, starting April 24. Three new adult workshops are also available: "Framing: Ways and Means" 1-4 p.m. Thursdays, April 27 to May 18; "Pastel Figure" 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, May 5 and 12; and "Still Life in Watercolor" 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, May 26 and June 2.

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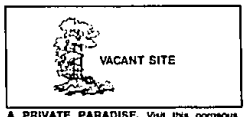

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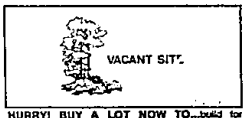

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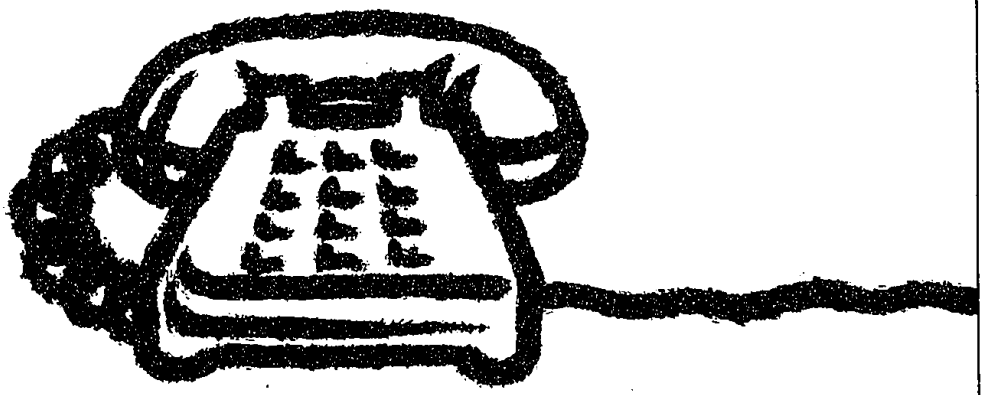

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