

# MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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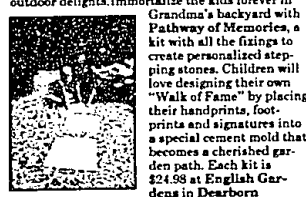


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## You plant a smile with a garden gift

**A**s I write this column, I can gaze through my window and barely discern the tiny buds that will soon blossom into flower on my one-year-old crabapple tree. The perfectly sculptured tree, and the yellow pansies that encircle its trunk were Mother's Day gifts from my children.

Gifts for the garden are especially appropriate this time of year when we yearn to spend rejuvenating hours outside in our own private, sunny spaces. With that thought in mind, I share with you some Mother's Day garden gift ideas. And you don't have to have a green thumb to enjoy these outdoor delights. I immortalize the kids forever in Grandma's backyard with Pathway of Memories, a kit with all the fixings to create personalized stepping stones. Children will love designing their own "Walk of Fame" by placing their handprints, footprints and signatures into a special cement mold that becomes a cherished garden path. Each kit is \$24.98 at English Gardens in Dearborn.



Heights, West Bloomfield and Clinton Township.

### Just dig in

Also from English Gardens: the gardener's soap holder in cultured marble that depicts a bird perched atop a nest (\$17.98); cotton totes, caps and aprons printed with colorful vegetables, flowers, or herbs (\$14.99-\$16.99); hand-painted gardeners' gloves complete with pink fingernails (\$10.99); and the lawnmower, a multi-talented garden tool that serves as an edger, soil-cutter, weeder and cultivator all in one, an English Gardens exclusive (\$24.98).

Four Seasons Garden Center, 14471 West Eleven Mile in Oak Park, brims with landscape lagniappe in nature's most charming motifs. The Garden Markers ornament is a decorative wrought iron flower pot or birdfeeder holder that you insert into the ground. Each is embellished with flowers, birds and insects (\$29.99). Garden plaques add a certain charm to your special flower bed. Choose from designs that feature words of welcome, hummingbirds, or proverbial like, "She who plants a garden, plants happiness" (\$29.95).

### Fancy faucets

Attach a brass bunny or a hummingbird to your faucet for a unique decorative touch (\$24.98).

don't forget the whimsical animal croaking signs. They announce the presence of garden inhabitants, like bunnies or butterflies (\$24.95). Vegetable, herb and rose gardens merit their own special markers. Jackson & Perkins rose markers denote specific varieties, including the Barbara Bush hybrid tea or the Lucille Ball (\$9.99). Serious gardeners will also appreciate top-of-the-line Allen Simpson tools, a wonderful garden investment. If you would like to combine any of these items with a flowering plant or mini-rose bush that can be transplanted into the garden, the folks at Four Seasons will customize a gift basket especially for your mom.

A few more flora and fauna finds: Maguella, 298 E. Maple in Birmingham, has garden sculptures made from clay pots held together by moss and shaped to look like people. Appropriately called "pot men," these planter creations are must-sees (\$110-\$140).

At Bloomscape, 176 W. Maple in Birmingham, find mosaic pots, made of pieces of antique china (\$54.99); garden tool bookmarks (\$13.99); authentic French flower buckets (\$14.99-\$44.99); and a collection of Stonecat sculpture including plaques and statuary.

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- A new store sells second hand children's stuff with a twist.
- Linda Bachrach goes shopping for specialty linens.
- Added Attractions lists interesting events at area shopping centers.
- Retail Details briefs you on store openings and closings.

## Shopping for mom is easy

Three generations of the Fitzsimmons Family offer Mother's Day gift ideas.

Even though Mom will tell you all she wants for Mother's Day is your love and your room cleaned, a gift of appreciation is always an added bonus.

The Fitzsimmons family of Livonia went shopping at Jacobson's in Laurel Park Place recently to select Mother's Day gifts.

Linda Gunderson, promotions manager at the store reminded the women that Jacobson's has complimentary gift wrap of purchases and personal shoppers to help with decisions and delivery.

The family agreed that shopping together that day was even more special than their purchases.



Pearls are perfect: Genevieve Fitzsimmons of Livonia (center) shows granddaughter Kaitlyn Puninske, 9, and daughter Kimberly, some gift ideas from the fine jewelry department.



Purse pointers: Kimberly Puninske, a nurse and mother of two, said every woman needs a purse, and the more the better.

## Mom tips for gifts

- "I could really use a reliable, durable wrist watch with an easy-to-read face," said Betty White of Oak Park.
- "I'd like some play clothes," said Pat Simon of Birmingham. "Or a summer blouse. Just not plants. I seem to kill all the plants I get."
- "I love cookbooks. The big coffee table kind with the entries photographed in beautiful settings," said Grace Murawski of Rochester Hills.
- "Last year my girls got me a gift certificate for a salon manicure," said Jean Willing of Troy. "It's about time for another one!"



Fragrance fancy: Genevieve likes to wear Beautiful.

All retail businesses in suburban Malls and Main Streets are invited to submit announcements of upcoming events and promotions for Added Attractions. The deadline is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send the facts to: Malls & Mainstreets, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax to: (810) 644-1314.

### MONDAY, MAY 8

#### LINOLOG BOXES

Visit LinoLoge Provence to see more than 200 LinoLoge porcelain boxes on display through May 14. Many other French-inspired gifts. 125 W. Maple, Birmingham. (810) 540-3876.

#### PUPPET SHOWS

The Golden Unicorn presented daily through May at 7 p.m. Saturday performance times 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Adams/Walton, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-9451.

#### TREASURE HUNT

David Wachter & Sons Jewelers invites visitors to grab a shovel and dig through a display treasure chest to find free gemstones. Part of a two-week exhibit titled "Around the World Gem Festival." Woodward/Maple, Downtown Birmingham. (810) 540-4622.

#### MOTHER'S DAY GIVEAWAY

Serious gardeners will also appreciate top-of-the-line Allen Simpson tools, a wonderful garden investment. If you would like to combine any of these items with a flowering plant or mini-rose bush that can be transplanted into the garden, the folks at Four Seasons will customize a gift basket especially for your mom.

Enter mom's name to win gift certificates and prizes from various mall stores in center court through May 13. Drawing held May 15. Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake/N. Maple, West Bloomfield. (810) 851-7727.

### TUESDAY, MAY 9

#### KIDS' CLUB

Kids 5 and under invited to make mom a pot of flowers. 11 a.m. Supplies provided. Free to guests. Register kids to join the Newburg Plaza Kids' Club at any store. Meets second Tuesday of the month. Newburg Plaza Mall, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 645-6502.

#### DESIGNER VISITS

Michael Holton, celebrity designer and owner of North Beach Leather, visits for a spring trunk show, today and May 10, 1-9 p.m. Champagne reception. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (810) 816-1111.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

#### BONNIE ACTIVITY

Learn country line dancing 2-3:30 p.m. Stage near Crowley's, Free. Next lesson May 24. Lincoln Mall, Seven Mile/Edgewood. (810) 476-1150.

## ADDED ATTRactions

### THURSDAY, MAY 11

#### WATCH FAIR

Jules Schubert Jewellers brings Switzerland to Troy with representatives from five watch companies waiting to answer questions and demonstrate products: Piaget, Breguet, Baume & Mercier, Breitling, Cartier, Jaeger-LeCoultre, Vacheron Constantin, others. May 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 12 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., May 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enter watch giveaway — one per day. 3001 West Big Beaver, Troy. (810) 649-1122.

#### MOTHER'S DAY PROMOS

Commemorative umbrella imprinted with center's 30-year anniversary logo, the rose, available free to customers spending \$100 or more through May 14. Drawings for 30 Sound of Music videos and a garden tour. Westland Center, Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

#### DISPOSABLE MODELLING

See fashions from Chico's casual shop modeled during lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Stage & Co Restaurant, Orchard Lake/Lake, Maple, West Bloomfield. (810) 855-6622.

#### COLLECTIBLES PAINTER

Leica Graham from Linix Lane personalizes purchases 2-5 p.m. at Always Christmas Store. View new cottages in the collector's series. Refreshments. Canterbury Village, Jollychaff-75, Lake Orion. (810) 391-5700.

#### WRAPPERS SCHIFFY

The Fairlane Connection will staff a gift wrapping booth at the center across from Hessig's in honor of Mother's Day through May 14. No charge for the service donated by the mall's merchant association. 4-8 p.m. Saturday noon to 8 p.m. Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Adams/Walton, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-9451.

#### JAZZ CONCERT

Dr. Beams & Friends bestial performs. 6-7:30 p.m. Food court area. Free to shoppers. Tai-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. (810) 353-4111.

#### CRYSTAL DESIGNER

Erka Lagerblom of Orions Crystal signs crests at Newman Marcus, 4-6:30 p.m. Gift galleries Level Three. Free 1995 holiday ornaments. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (810) 843-3300.

### FRIDAY, MAY 12

#### DISPOSABLE MODELLING

Featuring styles from Clothes Encounters informally modeled during lunch at The Grand Cafe, noon to 2 p.m. Fridays. 3338 Grand River, Downtown Farmington. (810) 615-9181.

#### TRUSSARDI SHOW

Zed's designs by special order at Hersh's. (Clothes appear on Murphy Brown and Seinfeld television

shows.) Merchandise delivered June 1 to Aug. 31. Introduction of "Liby" line, easy-to-wear designs for all body types. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Repeated May 13. Designs informally modeled at Stage & Co. Restaurant, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Boardwalk, 6901 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield. (810) 626-7776.

#### LAW DAY

Meet Livonia Police Officers trained in Drug Abuse Resistance Education 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Center court. See informal modeling of fashions from Ann Taylor, Land & Seas during lunch, noon to 2 p.m. at D. Davidson's and Allen's American Grille, Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 452-1100.

### SATURDAY, MAY 13

#### SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Band and track students from Westland schools plant flowers donated by area businesses around the shopping center through May 14 as part of the 2nd Annual Band Together for Education event. 11 a.m. kick-off performance by marching bands from John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools. Shoppers can buy \$5 coupon book for \$100 worth of savings from mall stores. Commemorative T-shirts for sale also benefit music and sports programs. Westland Center, Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

#### KIDS' CRAFT

KIDSWORLD Club meets in center court to make picture frames for mom. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Free. Tai-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. (810) 353-4111.

#### CARDS FOR MOM

Children's Emporium hosts free card-making for children, noon to 2 p.m. Materials supplied. 6668 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield. (810) 737-3357.

#### SPIN-A-ROUND

Six Star Club welcomes kids to center court for four shows, 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Wonderland Mall, Plymouth/Middlebelt, Livonia. (313) 522-4100.

#### CONCERT SERIES

Alma Smith performs 1-2:30 p.m. Center court. Informal modeling of fashions from Russell's Tweedies, Workmen's and Tabb's. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 452-1100.

#### PLANTS FOR MOM

Free 4-inch potted plant with receipt over \$15 from any mall store. Redeem at center court while supplies last. Receipts dated May 6-13. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 476-1150.

### SUNDAY, MAY 14

#### CLASSIC BRUNCH

Co-sponsored by WQRS and Somerset Collection. Anne Macleane performs, brunch catered by Sebastian's Grill in rounds, noon to 2 p.m. \$25 per person. All net proceeds benefit Interlochen and Detroit Symphony Orchestras. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (810) 843-7440.