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Cranbrook fall plant sale set

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The leaves are changing to their autumn colors, which triggers our thoughts about Autumn Harvest, Cranbrook Gardens' 23rd Fall Plant Sale.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Where: Cranbrook Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Parking is free at the Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot, across from the entrance to the Gardens. Shuttles will transport patrons to and from the sale.

I recently spent a morning at the Cranbrook greenhouse where Sylvia Paddy and her "Steady Eddies" have been preparing for the sale. They are Ann Beaser, Diane Burton, Stanley Gawel, Cecile Kaelin, Sue Lombardi, Laurie Murray, Margaret Nadrang,

Frances Sturley, Julie Warshaw and Jane Zink. Paddy has been greenhouse chairman for four years.

Paddy and Nadrang were busy potting ferns such as Boston, Whitman Lace, Petticoat and Fluffy Ruffle. These are just some of the varieties of ferns that are being offered.

Cranbrook uses a special potting mix that contains eight ingredients for all their house plants, with the exception of the one used for cacti and succulents because it needs to have a better drainage capacity. Lee Sirlin is the specialist for that department. There are many plants from which to choose, including dish gardens.

"I'd be lost without Lee," Paddy said.

These are just two of the types of quality plants that fill the greenhouse to capacity. A *Cissus rotundifolia* fashioned into a wreath caught my eye, as did a huge Bird of Paradise.

The "hot plant of the year is Gloxinia — the new decorator plant," Paddy said, and you won't be disappointed with the one you pick.

Cranbrook's own Gerald Salemo has been growing and training both stan-

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Bulbs available

The Michigan Regional Lily Society lily bulb sale will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 27-28, at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, Woodward and Cranbrook Road.

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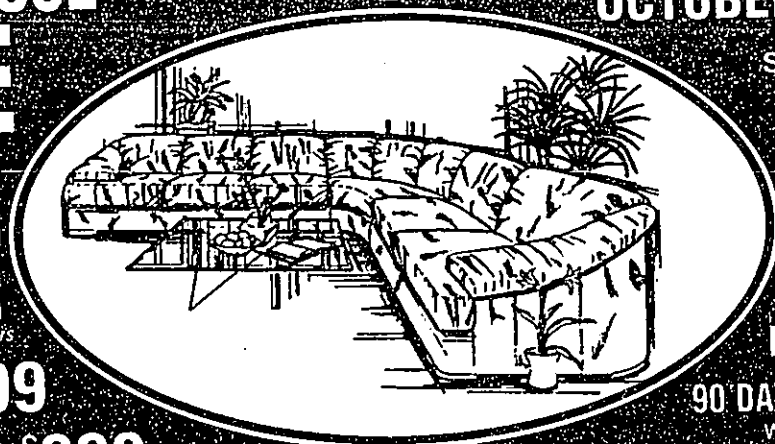
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