

# Everything herbal for sale Saturday

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Herbs continue to gain in popularity as more people are growing them in their gardens for beauty and for culinary and craft purposes. Herbs such as Lavender, Lady's Mantle and Sage are finding their way into traditional landscape situations as well as growing happily together in gardens designed especially for herbs. These versatile plants also are quite appropriate for containers.

A huge number of herb plants for many purposes will be offered for sale Saturday, May 11, when the Southern Michigan Unit of the Herb Society of America has its annual "Everything

Herbal" Day at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the sale and marketplace is free; tickets for the lecture series are \$5 and can be bought the day of the event. For information, call Laura at (810) 645-0895, Alexis at (810) 363-5098 or Mary at (810) 263-3342.

A festive atmosphere will prevail at this perfect time to buy quality herb plants and seeds, as well as statuary and troughs. Samplings of culinary treats will be offered as you make your selection from these tasty mixes. A large number of used garden books and magazines will also be offered.

The lecture series is at 11 a.m. These

three excellent speakers will share advice:

Judy Cornellier of Troy, a sought-after lecturer who also teaches about herbs and crafts in Troy's adult education, will demonstrate the art of constructing a "Living Wreath." Nancy Szerlag of Grosse Pointe Woods, whose gardening column appears each week in the Saturday Detroit News, will present "Herbs From Seed." Annmary Gruber of Pleasant Ridge, who writes a culinary column for the Michigan Herb Associates Newsletter Journal, will share her extensive cooking knowledge in "Cooking With Peppers."

A raffle of select gifts created by unit members will take place. Prizes include

a hypertufa trough, a fabric handwoven wall hanging, a tea cozy with pot, a fairy garden with live plants and an herbal wreath. Tickets for the raffle can be bought at the event.

Miniature sample theme gardens will illustrate the many uses and versatility of the herb plants so that shoppers can better make their selections.

This is a one-day event that you won't want to miss as the quality and variety of plants being offered is special to this area. Make your lists and come prepared to find the ones you need for your particular garden. At the same time you can learn about herbs and find a quality gift item for yourself or a friend.

## Don't let burglars spoil your vacation

(NU) - Picture this: You and your family are returning from a fun-filled vacation, ready to unpack and update the photo album.

Only when you get home, you find the back window broken and valuables missing from all over the house, including your "clever" hiding places in the dresser drawer and in the back of the freezer.

You're not alone. Each year, nearly 5

million families become victims of burglary, often while they've been on vacation.

According to the National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, there are some simple steps you can take to make your home less attractive to would-be burglars.

The best way is to combine the list of ideas below with a professionally installed and monitored electronic secu-

rity alarm system.

Before you leave on your trip, pack your sunblock and be sure to:

- Get a trusted friend or relative to "house sit." Or make sure your neighbors know your plans.
- Have a neighbor pick up your newspapers and mail daily.
- Lock all doors and windows and secure the garage door.
- Leave a car parked in the driveway

or ask a neighbor to park in your driveway.

- Leave a house key - and a number where you can be reached - with a trusted friend or neighbor.
- Use timers to turn lights on and off at certain times, altering lighting patterns to create an occupied look.
- Leave drapes and shades open as normal. (Closed blinds during the day are a sure sign of an empty house.)

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