

Gather garden tips at Community House

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers a variety of house and garden classes.

Register in person, by mail, by phone or by fax. The phone number is (810) 644-5832, the fax number is (810) 644-2476. You may use MasterCard or Visa.

Scheduled classes include:

- **Creating a Water Garden**, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, \$15. Would you like to add the beautiful element of water to your garden? Join this seminar to learn how to design and install a pond within your garden. You will learn the design principles, how to construct and what to do for maintenance. Appropriate plant materials for the pond and surrounding area will also be discussed. The information will be illustrated through slides. Instructor Marguerite Decker is a professional landscape designer from the Netherlands where she received her degree. She has also studied at Harvard, been in business for 12 years and designed gardens all over Europe and

the United States.

- **What Can I Grow in the Shade?**, 7-9 p.m. Monday, June 3, \$12. Those shady areas of your garden can become beautiful and serene. Learn to analyze your degree of shade and moisture, create the optimum soil conditions and select the best shade-loving plants. You can also add variety with plant height and plant color, leaf texture, grasses, shrubs, perennials, annuals, vines, wildflowers and ground covers. Container growing will also be covered. Instructor Jim Mackinder is an advanced master gardener and owner of Organic Garden consultants, a totally organic landscape company.

- **The Garden's the Limit**, four sessions 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, beginning June 4, \$35, materials fee of \$5 payable to instructor at class. Jill Graessle Naeger of Pressed for Time presents a pressed flower workshop. Learn to create stunning and charming art work using this simple pressing

process. Preserved flowers from your spring garden will be a pleasure to use for gifts and art work in the fall and winter. Bring a fresh mixed bouquet to the first class.

- **Deck Design and Construction**, 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, \$14. Bring pen and paper. Learn from Roger Matson about basic design and construction of wood decks. He will use his slide collection to illustrate the elements of good design and proper use of materials. Also covered will be materials used for above and on-ground decks, stains, wood types, benches, railings and gazebos. Matson has a master's degree in art from Wayne State University and has been in the deck and patio building business for more than 20 years.

- **Flowers All Summer: The Garden-er's Dream**, 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, June 10 and 17, \$30. Mary Jo Grohs, a master gardener whose special interests include wildflowers, hostas and shrub

roses, will give plenty of pointers on how to use low-maintenance perennials, shrub roses and select annuals to keep your garden in bloom all summer. Learn about garden-worthy peonies, iris, shrub roses, ornamental grasses, lilies and daylilies to add to your plant collection. Find out which perennials to grow for flower arrangements and how to cut and condition blooms from your garden to last longer inside.

- **Ceramic Tile Installation**, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, \$16 (\$24 per couple). Learn from skilled tile designers and installers techniques for the "do it yourself" buff, including measuring, cutting, preparation and finishing of ceramic tile for a professional-looking project. Step-by-step explanation and demonstration. You can beautify your own kitchen, bath or foyer, or any other room in your home, with ceramic tile. Instructors Glenn Barna and Jeff Donovan, owners of Design Kitchen and Bath, specialize in design and illustration of ceramic tile.

Antiques show and lecture scheduled

The 12th annual Christ Church Antiques Show will take place Saturday-Sunday, June 1-2, at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Forty-four dealers from 12 states will exhibit furniture, glass, silver, jewelry, prints, books, linens, rugs, art and artifacts. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Satur-

day and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6. Call (313) 343-0529 for information.

The preview party will be 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 31. Tickets per person are \$75 and \$40, available at the door. Preview party tickets entitle the holder to admission to the show.

The Angel Cafe will offer luncheon 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and light refreshments 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, and luncheon noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Tracey Albainy, assistant curator of European sculpture and decorative arts at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will speak on "Detroit's New Treasure: The

Firestone Collection of 18th Century French Silver in the DIA" Saturday. Continental breakfast will be served 9:30 a.m. Lecture cost is \$10, which includes show admission.

A free architectural and stained glass tour of Christ Church will begin 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

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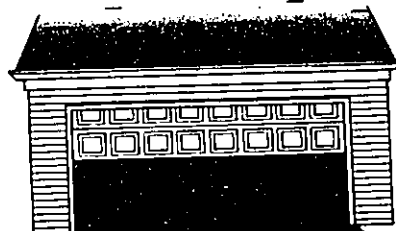
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