

The American Lung Association of Michigan is hosting Health House '97, a cooperative educational project to showcase construction choices for healthy living.

Clean indoor air is a cornerstone choice for a more healthful living environment, and Health House '97 demonstrates dozens of ways to achieve the healthiest indoor air possible while providing high energy efficiency and

### Earth-conscious construction methods.

Visitors to the model home are welcome noon to 7 p.m. weekdays and noon to 6 p.m. weekends through Sunday, Jan. 26. The house is in the Bluffs of Wexford community, off Charms Road two miles north of Wixom.

To get to Health House '97, take I-96 to the Wixom Road exit. Go north on Wixom Road through the village of Wixom, and contin-

ue north another two miles to Charns Road. Turn left at Charns Road and go about 1/2-mile west to Bluffs of Wexford, the third subdivision along Charns Road. Health House is on your left at the top of the hill just after you enter the subdivision. (Caution: Wixom Road takes a right/left dogleg turn along Pontiac Trail as it goes through Wixom.)

For more information or  
detailed directions to the house,

call (810) 559-5100.

The showcase home and educational center features components that provide clean, safe indoor air while paying special heed to environmentally friendly and recycled materials and construction methods.

Health House serves as an information resource for those interested in building or remodeling a home in order to accommodate a more healthy lifestyle.

It is also a fund-raiser for the American Lung Association of Michigan, as the proceeds from the donated components will go to the association upon sale of the house. Proceeds will fund environmental education programs as well as research and community health programs to fight lung disease, the nation's number three killer.

The Official Builder of Health  
House '97 is S.R. Jacobson

Development Corporation of Bingham Farms. Jacobson returns to this post a second time as the firm was also the builder of the Lung Association's first Health House.

National Lumber of Warren is the gold sponsor of the project, donating all the lumber for the house. Silver sponsor Owens Corning offers a variety of products throughout the house.

The parks, gardens and heritage of two famed landscape architects, Jens Jensen and O.C. Simonds, will be explored by Robert Grese, professor of landscape architecture at the University of Michigan, Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

General admission to the lectures is \$5. Admission for Matthaei members is \$3. Telephone orders can be made with credit card, or bought in person at the Gardens during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Telephone orders will be held no later than 15 minutes prior to each lecture. Space is limited, and reservations are recommended. Parking is free.

parks, roads, playgrounds and cities should be harmonious with nature and its ecological processes. A Midwesterner, Jensen worked extensively with many of the country's industrial barons, including Henry and Edsel Ford and projects related to the Ford dynasty. He foresaw the need to preserve the dunes, forests, prairies and wetlands native to the Midwest.

Simonds, a native of Grand Rapids and a U-M graduate, was a founder of the landscape architecture program at the university, and he designed the Ann Arbor park system. He, like Jensen, fostered the use of native plants, particularly in the urban environment.

A native of Tennessee, Grees studied at Washington University, St. Louis, and the University of Georgia, where he received his bachelor's degree in landscape architecture. He received his master's in landscape architecture from the University of Wisconsin, where he specialized in the restoration and management of native plant communities. It was there he became interested in the work of Jensen.

In 1979, Grese was a member of a Historic American Record team of designers and historians documenting and making recommendations for the adaptive reuse of the Lehigh Canal in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The gardens are at 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Take US-23 north to Geddes Road. Head east on Geddes to Dixboro. Turn left onto Dixboro and go 2-1/2 miles north.

In two lectures, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., in the Matthaei Botanical Gardens auditorium, Grese will review the works of Jensen, hailed as one of America's greatest landscape designers and conservationists, and that of Simonds, a Jensen contemporary, who shared Jensen's vision of regionally based designs.

For the past 15 years, Grese, who teaches in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment, has been studying the work of Jensen and Simonds and their contemporaries. In 1992, his book, "Jens Jensen: Maker of Natural Parks and Gardens," was published by John Hopkins University Press.

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