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Admission is free. Call (313) 872-9463 or (313) 872-3118, Ext. 282.

### GARDEN

• **Cranbrook Gardens'** 25th annual spring plant sale continues 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Cranbrook Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road, west of Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Free parking and shuttle from the Cranbrook Church parking lot across from the entrance to the gardens.

• **Saguaro Rare Plant Nursery**, 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake, offers a series of free talks 7 p.m. Thursdays through June 26 at the nursery. Call (313) 449-4237. The May 15 talk is "Water Garden Hardware." In the May 22 talk, "Organic Vegetable and Ornamental Gardening," Saguaro owner Richard Tuttle will discuss raised bed construction, biological pest control and other organic methods to keep your garden vigorous. Tuttle has been gardening organically for 30 years.

• **The Henry Ford Estate Annual Spring Plant Sale** will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen. Cottage perennials, flowering vines and native Michigan wildflowers are featured. All proceeds go to preserv-

ing, maintaining and enhancing the gardens of this National Historic Landmark. Call Pamela Morrison at (313) 593-5590 for information.

• **The Michigan Forestry and Park Association Inc.**, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, presents two young tree maintenance workshops: Friday, May 16, at Oakland Community College and Tuesday, May 27, at Traverse City. Registration available through the MFPA office or on site. Cost per person is \$40 on site. For more information, call the MFPA at (517) 482-5530 or e-mail ashbyann@acd.net

• **The Dearborn Herb Study Association** will have an herb plant and craft sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the McPadden-Ross Museum, 915 S. Brady in Dearborn. Herb plants, fresh baked dill onion or mixed herb bread, herb cookbooks, vinegars, herbal seasonings, mustards, rosebud wreaths and necklaces, lavender items and catnip mice are included.

• **The Metro Detroit Hosta Society** will have its annual hosta and shade plant sale and auction, and dividing and propagating clinic, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, at the southwest corner of

Woodward and Cranbrook Road, just south of Long Lake Road. The society's \$3 guest fee won't be in effect for the sale. Call Jan at (810) 642-1619 or Jim at (313) 822-3345 for information.

• **Children ages 9-12** can sign up for "Sketching from Nature," a new art-inspired program, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 998-7061. Children will work with an artist docent who will help them look at plants outdoors and indoors and teach them to sketch. Space is limited to six youngsters and reservations are encouraged.

• **"Blooming Affair Weekend,"** featuring the 31st annual Flower Day and Market Day, will take place 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 17-18, at Eastern Market, 1-75 and Mack in Detroit. Saturday is Market Day and Sunday is Flower Day. Admission is free. The weekend includes such family entertainment as recreation, art, dance, live music, a mini artist market and food vendors; and the largest flower sale in Michigan, as more than 100 Michigan growers display and sell an exciting variety of annuals and perennials, flowers and vegetables. Shuttle service

between the Detroit Institute of Arts Family Day and Eastern Market Sunday; call (313) 665-2262.

• **The Community House**, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers a variety of home and garden-related classes. With individualized assistance from a professional florist in a class Tuesday, May 20, learn how to prepare and plant a flowering moss basket with colorful summer annuals for patio, kitchen or porch. Call (810) 644-5832 for fees and information.

• **The Detroit Garden Center** plans a historical and tree tour of Elmwood Cemetery 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 20. Registration is limited to 20 people. Fee is \$10, \$7 for garden center members. Call the center at (313) 259-6363 for information.

• **Are you at a loss** when it comes to decorating outdoors? To help you choose the right piece of art to enhance your deck, flower garden or patio, **Objects of Art**, 6243 Orchard Lake Road, just north of 15 Mile in West Bloomfield, has a Spring Artscap May 15 through June 30. You'll find an impressive selection of unusual contemporary pieces by local and out of state artists. The metal, wood and clay creations are designed to withstand the elements and are high-quality. Call (810) 539-3332.

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