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**Historic Landmark District.**

■ Crafters are wanted for the eighth annual Octagon House Craft Show and Fall Festival, taking place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21, in Washington. For an application, send a number 10, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Linda Ann Heldt, P.O. Box 358, Washington 48094. Call (810) 781-0084 for more information.

■ Guided tours of Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, are available now to Sept. 28. Call (248) 645-3149 for information or luncheon reservations. The tour includes the history of the Booth family, Cranbrook founders, and of the Arts and Crafts artisans responsible for the house. Included in the tour ticket is a stroll through 40 acres of gardens surrounding the house. Free parking is in the Christ Church Cranbrook lot across from the house or on Lone Pine Road. Tours are 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday; 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursday. Tour cost is \$7, \$6 for seniors. Noon luncheon in one of Cranbrook House's elegant rooms is available only with Thursday tours. Luncheon cost is \$10 in addition to the house tour fee; reservations are necessary.

■ Guided tours of the Saarinen House at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills are available now through October. Call

(248) 645-3323 for times, reservations and other information. The tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. Children under 7 cannot be accommodated easily. The ability to negotiate stairs is necessary. Cost - which includes admission to the Cranbrook Art Museum - is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and full-time students. Private group tours available for \$10 per person.

■ Adopt a homeless dog or cat 1-4 p.m. every Saturday at Trainers Academy, 30581 Stephenson Highway, south of 13 Mile and across from Home Quarters in Madison Heights. The event is sponsored by the non-profit Top Dog & Cat Rescue Group. Call (248) 680-1426.

**GARDEN**

■ Observer & Eccentric columnist Marty Figley will speak on "Color and Design in the Garden" at the next meeting of the Hardy Plant Society, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, south of Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. Guest fee is \$3. Call Maryann Whitman at (248) 652-4004 for information.

■ English Gardens conducts free seminars on a variety of gardening topics. The weekly seminars take place at each of English Gardens' four locations, including 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard

Lake Road. Call (248) 851-7506. The next topic, Sept. 3 in West Bloomfield, is "The Basics of Perennial Gardening" by Susan Greener.

■ The Saguaro Rare Plant Nursery, 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake, continues its third annual fall plant sale Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 28-30, Sept. 4-6; and Sept. 11-13. All plants are 30 to 60 percent off. Enjoy refreshments and freebies while they last. Hours are 1-8:30 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-

Saturday. Call (313) 449-4237.

■ The Roses-West Rose Society will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile, west of I-96 and Novi Road. A beautiful slide program of English roses and commentary will be featured, with speakers Loretta LeVasseur and David Austin. LeVasseur is an American Rose Society horticultural judge and consulting rosarian. Guests are welcome. Call (248) 347-0400.

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