Gardeners jazz up arrangements at Michigan Home &

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Winners: Wilkie's arrangement won a first-place award last year which featured records and a ginger flower. She also received a second-place award for another display. Members of local garden clubs in the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan create arrangements each year for the show.

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pring doesn't officially arrive until March 20, but thousands of flowers will be blooming at the Home & Garden Show through Sunday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

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Members of the Livonia Garden
Club and other garden clubs, including Farmington, expect to help create
a springlike mood through their floral arrangements on display at the
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The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan will "jazz up" cut-flower arrangements by focusing on the songs of great jazz musicians such as Miles Davis and Hongy Carmichael.

Members of the Detroit district of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michi gan are participating in the Standard Flower Show to help educate and stimulate public interest in horticul-

Tweaking' talent
These floral fantasies range from
the traditional to the bizarro. Entries
will be judged for special awards.
"It tweaks our talents and creativity," said Angie Wilkie, a Livonia club
member and master gardener. Wilkie
placed first and second last year for
her arrangements. Livonia club members and second last year for er arrangements. Livonia club members expect to

enter arrangements in the petite, designer's choice, and award of dis-

tinction categories. One category includes a fresh flower design.

"It's pretty contemporary," Wilkie said. One of her entries, "Fea for Two," is a tea tray with a flower arrangement and fresh flowers. Since the decorations are made with fresh cut flowers, many won't be completed until today, the first day of the show. Club member Nancy Sannar hoped to develop a "Stormy Weather' theme.

"You try to think up new ideas and be creative," she said. "It's like an art. It's composing in an artistic way." All for show

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Show visitors can see the arrangements along with magnificent blooming gardens. Twenty gardens will be planted with thousands of blooming annuals and perennials, flowering shrubs, mature trees, waterfalls, reflecting pools and fountains.

Show organizers say 1,000 cubic yards of soil will be brought into the Silverdome for the gardens; That's

Silverdome for the gardens; That's the equivalent of 48 semi-truck loads

full.

The Michigan Home and Garden
Show is a whole life show that hits
you where you live," said Mike
Wilbraham, show manager. "You can
lose yourself in the gardens and enjoy lose yourself in the a bit of summer."

Growing trends

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Nationally renowned gardeners
and landscapers will be on hand to
answer questions. Homeowners who
want to learn how to create similar
gardens within their own landscapes
can learn how - for free - during
seminars on the show's Garden
Stage.

For example, Tom Huggler, a writer, conservationist, former educator,
author of 18 books and videotape producer, will present his seminar "Wildflower Gardening" at 2 p.m. Sunday,
Joyce Wardwell, herbalist, author

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and founder of The Plant People, discusses "Herbs Anyone Can Grow" at 7 nm. Thursday and 2 p.m. Friday. Jeff Ball, who appeared as NBC's The Today Show gardening expert for eight years, will talk about lawn-maintennace problems during his presentations on "Beautiful, Green & Easy Lawns," 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Christa Sugs, a local water gardening guru, will present "Water Gardening - Secrets to Getting Started," at 6 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Scott Day introduces show patrons to Hydroponic Growing, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday.

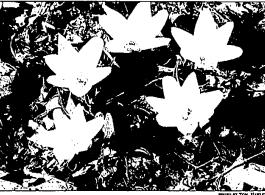
Master gardeners from Michigan State University will take the garden stage Saturday at 4 p.m.; and noon Sunday.

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Show hours: 3-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22;
noon-10 p.m. Fitday, Feb. 23; 10 s.m.-10
p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, and 10 s.m. 6 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 25.
Tickets: \$7 outs; 35 children, ages 6-14,
no charge for children, 5 and younger,
Seminars for Homeowners
Be Clean Heage — The Only Way to Stop
Ice Dams.* 6 p.m. Fidday, 2 p.m. Saturday,
and 1 p.m. Sunday; and "When is the Job
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I Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor — "Consumer Investigations that Affect Your Daily Uses," 5 p.m. Saturday; and — "Tips on Do-It-Yoursetf Repairs", 4 p.m. Sunday.

I Murray Quala, president of the Michigan Construction Protection Agency — "Lipp-Construction Protection Agency — "Lipp-■ Murray Gula, president of the Michigan Construction Protection Agency — "Lien-Free Projects, Making Sure Your Renovation Desan't Put You In the Poor House," 8 p.m. Thursday; 3 and 7 p.m. Priday. ■ Michigan Concrete Homes Council — "Concrete Home Construction," 6 p.m. Thursday, noon Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.



Tulip time: Visitors will see thousands of flowers in 20 gardens displayed at the show, which runs through Sunday.



JOE GAGNON

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HARRY JACHYM

Sound barriers

A house full of noise can be aggravating, but homeowners can correct it by following a few suggestions.

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