

DESIGN CALENDAR

HANGING ART FOR A CAUSE

The Home Accessory Warehouse in Walled Lake hosts its 4th annual Gala Art Event to benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. From 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 2, enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres, and special sale prices throughout the store, with a portion of all proceeds from the evening benefiting Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. Browse the 12,000 square-foot showroom and pick

up an affordable work of art or other unique treasure. The sale event continues throughout the weekend, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Home Accessory Warehouse is located at 1017 E.W. Maple Road, between Decker and Pontiac Trail, in Walled Lake. (248)624-0700.

LACE SHOWING
An exclusive showing of Pratesi's

Summer Collection 2002 of fine linens is 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 2, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 3, in the showroom of A Touch of Lace, 7001 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 430, West Bloomfield. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to HAVEN, Oakland County's center for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. (248)938-6223

FOR THE BIRDS

A birdhouse contest and auction, featuring exhibits catered designed and constructed by local students, individuals and businesses, is being featured at the 2002 Home and Garden Show at the Somerset Collection, 2800 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, until May 12. The fledgling event is co-sponsored by Somerset Collection and Dominick Tringali Architects in Bloomfield Hills. The houses will be auctioned, with proceeds from contest entry

fees and auction to be donated to the Detroit Zoological Society.

FLORAL CENTERPIECE

Create your own Spring Floral Centerpiece in a beautiful open wire watering can that is "stuffed" with moss and filled with fresh flowers and blooming branches. You will not only learn several basic floral design techniques but will also take home a lovely finished arrangement! This is a wonderful decoration

for a shower or spring party. This workshop will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, at The Community House, 380 South Bays in Birmingham. The instructor is Jacqueline Carney of Paterson Carney Florist. Bring scissors and pruners. Cost of the class is \$15. For questions or to register, call The Community House at (248)644-6832. Materials fee of \$35 is payable the night of the workshop.

GARDENING CALENDAR

Send items for Gardening Calendar to "Gardening Calendar" Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax (248) 644-1314.

MEADOW BROOK HALL
Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. Friday, April 26, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, Mich. Liemars, an agricultural instructor at St. Clair County Community College, will lecture and show slides. \$5 non-member donation. (248)370-3140

YEAR OF THE ROSE

A nationwide series of "How to Grow Beautiful Roses" seminars will be held at Home Depot outlets this Saturday, April 27, to kick off the Year of the Rose - 2002 celebration. Topics to be covered in the free hour-long seminars include bed preparation, planting, watering,

fertilization, disease prevention, pruning and winterization. No registration necessary.

The following area seminars are set for 10 a.m. Saturday: ■ **Roses-West Rose Society of Novi:** Held at Novi, (Grand River and Beck), Northville (7 Mile and Hagerly), and Brighton (Grand River Road) Home Depots. For information, call Pat at (248)449-4626.

■ **Detroit Rose Society:** Held at Warren, Dearborn Heights and Canton Home Depots. For information, call Roman, (586)268-6194.

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS

The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc., District 1, holds its annual spring meeting April 30 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe. District 1 is a member of the National Garden Clubs Inc. The meeting is open to all members within District 1, and provides a great opportunity to meet fellow garden club members, share ideas and experiences, and learn more about horticulture and floral design techniques. Hosts are The Garden Club of Michigan and the Junior League Gardeners. A brief business meeting is followed by an auction of garden art. The afternoon program will feature Dennis Banning, floral designer. There will also be a luncheon. Contact Carla DiFabio, (248)391-6825.

SUGARO NURSERY AND GARDENS

Sugaro Nursery and Gardens, 470 West Five Mile Road, Whitmore Lake, offers a series of free lectures and garden walks on Sunday afternoons at the nursery. They begin at 1 p.m., last about an hour, and include a 10 percent discount on any plant discussed in the lectures. Lectures are given by various garden experts, no reservations necessary. On April 28, Richard Tuttle, Sugaro Nursery & Gardens owner, takes a "Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers" garden walk.

AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW

Michigan's only African Violet Club will hold its first Flower Display and Sale from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 27, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Oxford Public Library, 530 Pontiac Road, Oxford. Healthy African violets in bloom and other Gesneriad plants will be accepted for entry in a special guest class from 3-5 p.m. Friday, April 26, and 10-11 a.m. Saturday, April 27. For information, call Chris Leppard, (248)693-2415.

GARDENING WITH NATURE

Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority presents "Gardening with Nature," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the Auburn Hills Public Library, 3400 Seyburn Drive, Auburn Hills. Featured speaker Tom Smith, landscape consultant, Grass Roots, Inc., East Lansing, will give a slide presentation.

Table displays open at 8:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by SOCWA, Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills. Please register by telephone for this free seminar: (248)288-5150.

METROPOLITAN ROSE SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Metropolitan Rose Society is at 7:15 p.m. Friday, May 3, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3600 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile Road. The guest speaker is Tom Taylor, noted rosarian and rose judge. His presentation will be on hybridizing roses. Admission is free, and the public is invited. For questions, (248)689-9529.

B'HAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The annual spring cleaning at the Birmingham Historical Museum (Allen House) is 8 a.m. Saturday, May 4. Please bring your own tools for working in the garden. Master Gardener hours provided. Further information, call Barb, (248)258-1695.

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

The next monthly meeting of the Hardy Plant Society is at 7 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, on Woodward next to the Cranbrook Institute. The topic is "Small Gardens that are Emotionally Powerful for Zone 5." Featured speaker is Dr. David Michener, assistant curator at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Guests are welcome, the charge is \$3. For information, call (248)545-8588.

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