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purple, yellow, blue, white and variegated iris; yellow buttercup; campanula; and oriental poppies in a raspberry hue.

"At this time of year I love my poppies," Dudzinski said.

Euphorbia grows in a container so it doesn't spread. Moon flowers were placed by windows because of their fragrance.

The tranquil pond features water lilies and is home to toads and frogs. Ducks arrive in the spring. Kinglets, cardinals and finches are some of the birds that visit feeders in the yard.

A shade garden is on one side of the house. It includes hostas, ferns, bleeding heart, astilbes, pulmonaria and Jack-in-the-pulpit.

In the summer, Gooseneck loosestrife, black-eyed Susana, coneflower and Coronation Gold yarrow can be seen on the property. Joe Pye weed, plumbago, mums and caryopteris are on view in the fall. Grasses, sedum Autumn joy and globe thistle offer winter interest.

Dudzinski deposits mulch for compost in woods behind the back yard.

"I don't use pesticides. I don't do much fertilization," she said. "I do like a real natural garden."

Being outside is what she likes most about gardening, Dudzinski said.

"I used to have a job in an office and I couldn't do that," she said. "I just love to be outside."

Dudzinski advises would-be gardeners to start out with a small garden so it isn't overwhelming.

"Don't make it too big... You can always expand it," she said.

A teenage son has inherited Dudzinski's love of gardening.



On view: The Dudzinski garden is among those on the Troy Garden Walk, taking place July 10. Items from a featured raffle will be displayed at the garden.

He designed the stone paver steps in the back yard, and tends a strawberry patch (where his childhood sandbox used to be) and a vegetable garden along sides of the house.

His vegetable garden gets larger every year - potatoes, corn, cabbage, tomatoes, beans and pumpkins are among the selections.

"I don't have the patience to do vegetables," Dudzinski said.

The Troy Garden Club will present the 28th annual Troy Garden Walk Wednesday, July 10, rain or shine.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 6-8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10, and are sold in advance only. The number of tickets is limited, and none will be available the day of the event. Tickets may be bought at:

- A Sense of Thyme, 54 E. Square Lake Road, (248) 813-0044
- Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R, (248) 689-8735
- Troy Historical Museum, 60 W. Waukegan, (248) 524-3570
- Wilkop Landscape, 6550 Coalgate Highway, (248) 828-0030
- Troy Garden Club, (248) 879-8091

Refreshments will be served, and club members will be available to answer questions at each site.

A craft boutique will be featured at one of the gardens 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 6-7:30 p.m., with many pieces made by club members. The boutique will also include plants and samples of specialty gourmet foods.

A raffle will be featured at another garden, with items donated by A Sense of Thyme, Auburn Oaks Garden Center, English Gardens, Telly's Greenhouse, Trevarrow Hardware and Wilkop Garden Center. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and will be available during hours of the walk.

For information, call Barb at (248) 952-5938.

Proceeds benefit various community garden-related organizations.

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Making the scene: Entertain in style with a wrought-iron bistro set framed with an abundance of flowers set against a backdrop of evergreens, which shields an unsightly parking lot view.

a cement balcony by painting the floor with a diamond pattern or floral design or incorporating an outdoor rug to mark the space. Hanging plants in cocoons planters or wall-mounted hangers create added dimension.

■ Create one visually cohesive theme or design since multiple elements tend to get lost in small spaces, Vartraw says.

For example, an oriental theme might include planters with fescue grass, a bamboo fountain or tabletop bonsai waterfall and simple sling chairs. Add candles on a tray covered with stones, a bamboo area rug, wind chimes and an exotic flower to complete the look.

■ Top floor balconies without ceilings and rooftop spaces provide special urban oasis options.

With their added sunlight, these spaces can be used to train climbing roses on a trellis, create a vegetable and fruit garden in whisky barrels or attract fine-feathered friends with a birdhouse collection.

■ Window boxes create a picturesque boundary for high-level apartments that don't look out to trees or other natural greenery.

"If you've got a rooftop deck, the possibilities are endless," Thompson said. "You can use penstone and pavers to transform unattractive rooftop decking into an adult playground with benches and dining areas."

It's important to select cast aluminum or other heavy furniture pieces for high balconies since the wind tends to be stronger, she said.

GARDEN CALENDAR

■ All varieties of roses will be on sale noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at Anglin Nursery and Supply, 42750 Grand River, between Meadowbrook and Novi roads in Novi (phone (248) 359-8500). Roses-West Rose Society consulting rosarians will be present to answer your questions about growing roses. For information, call Pat at (248) 449-4626.

■ The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan is sponsoring an all-day bus tour of Ensatina Gardens in Galesburg, Mich., and the Japanese Iris Show in Kalamazoo 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 29. The bus will leave from Southfield.

Cost is \$20 for the bus tour, and an additional \$6.50 for an all-you-can-eat buffet brunch at a restaurant. Seating is limited; to reserve your place on the bus, call Bob at (248) 646-5077.

With 17 years of growing and selling Japanese and Siberian irises by mail order, Ensatina Gardens have the largest collection of Japanese varieties outside of Japan. Bring your camera. For a review of the gardens, visit [www.ensatina.com](http://www.ensatina.com).

■ Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, have scheduled a series of programs that will enable Michigan gardeners to succeed with roses in their gardens. Each presentation will last about an hour.

A hands-on rose propagation workshop will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, June 30, or 11 a.m. Monday, July 1. Participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings. The \$20 material fee will be collected at the door. Reservations are requested.

Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. Call (734) 461-1230.

■ The Evening Herb Study Group will have its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Monday, July 1. Group member Angie Smith will conduct a field trip to the Leslie Science Center Project Grow Gardens in Ann Arbor, which she volunteers to maintain.

Meet at 7 p.m. at the west parking lot of the University of Michigan Math Preceptor Group, 1800 Diabolo Road in Ann Arbor, to go as a group to the Leslie Science Center. Smith will give a tour of the gardens beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call H. Leland at (734) 459-8454 or e-mail [asmith@umich.edu](mailto:asmith@umich.edu).

■ The Gardens of Northville, the ninth annual garden walk sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 10. Tickets are \$10, sold before the day of the event only. They are available at Gardenview, 202 W. Main, and Morrison's Antiques, 105 E. Main.

Six gardens will be featured on the walk. Cady Inn at Mill Race Village will be transformed into a garden wedding party, where complimentary, homemade delicacies and lemonade will be served. Visitors will enjoy lively music as they browse through plants and garden items offered by local vendors. Raffle tickets will be available at Mill Race Village July 10.

■ The Shelby Gardeners Club will present the Shelby Township Garden Walk 1-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, rain or shine.

Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 day of walk. For advance tickets, send a check before July 10 to Shelby Gardeners Club, P.O. Box 183324, Shelby Township, 48318; phone (810) 731-8215.

Tickets are also available from the Shelby Library, Shelby Parks and Recreation and club members. On the day of the event, tickets will be available at Heritage Garden in Shelby Township, 52700 Van Dyke (Jack Millard Blvd.), south of 24 Mile Road, where the walk will start.

The walk will feature seven beautiful and exciting gardens. Proceeds benefit public garden projects.

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