

**GARDEN CALENDAR**

**Farmington Garden Club**  
The Farmington Garden Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 3, at Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Scott Kunst will speak on Antique Gardening, featuring 140 years of American yards and gardens from pioneer days to the Victorian era. Visitors may attend. Call (248) 615-3616 for information.

**Hardy Plant Society**  
The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, Woodward and Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills. Nari Ferguson, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Commerce Township, will speak on Attracting Birds to Your Garden. The public may attend. Guest fee \$3. Call (248) 589-2266 for information.

**Beverly Hills Garden Club**  
The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 1850 W. 13 Mile. George Papadimitriou, owner of Tully's Nursery, will present a slide program on Plants for 2003. Guests welcome. Starting seeds  
English Gardens presents free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at all five locations, including stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 951-7505), Royal Oak (phone (248) 280-9500) and Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433). Starting Seeds Indoors will be the topic Feb. 1. Get a head start on gardening and learn how to grow your own transplants.  
English Gardens experts will share their knowledge of growing flowers

and vegetables from seeds. Learn which varieties work best, and what's required to get the best results. For the nearest English Gardens, call (800) 335-6609 or visit www.englishgardens.com.

**Organic gardening**  
The Michigan School of Gardening offers specialty classes and classes for the certificate of landscape and garden design at the Community House, 380 S. Lakes in Birmingham, west of Woodward and south of Maple. The schedule includes Organic Gardening Tips (\$20), Tuesday, Feb. 4, for information or to register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832.

**Shade gardens**  
The Michigan School of Gardening will present a class, Shade Gardens, Mondays, Feb. 3 and 10, or Tuesdays, Feb. 4 and 11, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, south of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Cost is \$62. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes offered by the Michigan School of Gardening have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

**Landscape color**  
The Michigan Garden Center will present a class, 52 Weeks of Landscape Color: Tips for Making Your Lawn and Garden Interesting All Year, with Janet Macunovich of the Michigan School of Gardening. Macunovich is an instructor, designer, garden writer and author. The class will take place 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, in the auditorium of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot in Detroit. Cost is \$15. To register and for more information, call the Detroit Garden Center at (313) 259-6463 or e-mail detroitgardencenter@yahoo.com.



Janie and Michael Roth are seated at a table in their cheery, cozy kitchen. Designer Richard Ross, behind them, wanted the house to convey the couple's sophistication as well as the feeling of being in an elegant hotel.

**VIEW**

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Every space is put to use, such as the drawers and shelves tucked into furnishings and structures. Drapes form gentle dividers in some rooms.

Janie Roth showed Ross pictures of her ideas for the house, and he was able to bring them to life.

"I wanted the house to have a flow," Janie Roth said. Ross also wanted to convey a luxurious, inviting ambience.

"I wanted them to feel like they're in an elegant hotel all the time," he said.

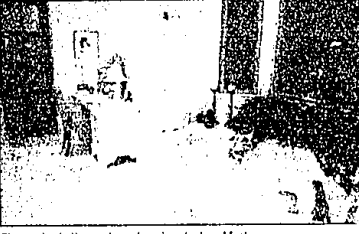
Furnishings in the living room, which is dressed in shades of tan and off-white, are arranged in comfortable clusters.

Two sofas are placed back to back on an area rug, each facing a different conversational space — one with a large, rectangular, wooden table from Thailand, one with a small, round table. Ross designed the two lamps, which feature mahogany frames, polished nickel casters and linen shades.

They suggest Oriental letter. The sofas bear a subtle Asian pattern.

Two groups of four chairs each are around square tables on the wooden floor.

In the cream-colored master bedroom, a Schonbeck chandelier hangs from a recessed area of the ceiling that



The master bathroom has a luxurious look and feel.

was made with plastic molding.

A glass front cabinet, formerly in a dining room, is now in the bedroom, lined with linen and displaying collection pieces.

This is a way to show personal items without clutter, Ross said.

The kitchen is cheery, with such elements as lights in the shape of large orbs that hang from chains, and cozy, with the corner featuring a fireplace and a sofa.

Sleek, black high chairs are lined up at one of the two granite-topped work islands. A colorful cabinet from Ecuador is against one wall.

A sunken tub is one of the luxurious features of the downstairs bathroom.

An antique candy dish serves as a soap dish on the vanity.

The second floor landing is

arranged as a sitting area — a mini living room — with four chairs around a table from the Ivory Coast that was made from a tree trunk and resembling a giant bowl. At the Roth's parties, guests are often first brought here for appetizers.

A child's bedroom features a bed that brings to mind a giant window seat.

Leny tree branches are painted on the walls; it is easy to imagine the room is among the treetops.

In the downstairs foyer is a half tree from 1820-40 that was in Gerald Ford's home in Grand Rapids.

All of the wood in the house is mahogany, except for the library, which is cherry.

Here, the floor panels are arranged to resemble the pattern of a rug.

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**Snow Ball charity event warms the spirit**

The Snow Ball is the winter season's most enthralling charity event. It features a black-tie dinner, a special live auction of fantasy packages (including vacations), and top-notch entertainment.

Presented by Variety, The Children's Charity, the event will take place Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Townsend Hotel Ballroom, on Townsend south of Maple between Woodward and Southfield Road in Birmingham. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit children with special needs in metropolitan Detroit. Over the past seven years, the Snow Ball has raised more than \$1 million for the children of Variety.

This year's theme is *Moulin Rouge, an evening of 19th century Paris frivolity*.

Sumptuous French cuisine, a floor show (featuring Susan Griffiths from Hollywood and the star of Riverdance, singer/dancer Michael Danza from Toronto), dancing and festivities will be offered for guests. Musical entertainment will be provided by celebrated orchestra leader Simone Vitale.

Tickets per person are \$225, \$300 (Patron) and \$500 (Benefactor). Benefactors and Patrons may attend the Preview Party 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Bloomfield home of Janie and Michael Roth. A cocktail supper will be served at the party.

For information, call the Variety office in Southfield at (248) 258-5511.

Event co-chairs are Gillian Lazar of Birmingham and Jeffrey King of Birmingham. Honorary chairpersons are Katie and Jim Flora of The Kroger Company of Michigan. Executive producer is Rob T. Allen.

Founded in 1929, Variety has 50 chapters and 15,000 members around the world. Detroit's chapter touches the entire southeastern Michigan community and has more than 2,000 volunteers and friends who raise money for local charities benefiting children with special needs.

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**Michigan Antique Radio Club schedules sale**

The Michigan Antique Radio Club will sponsor a show and sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Costek Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

The public may attend. Membership information will be available.

This is the "road show" for collectible radios, where MARC members offer free appraisals as well as sources for repair and restoration of vintage radios.

The show will feature a contest where interesting items are displayed, a silent auction in which anyone in attendance may bid, a 50-50 drawing open to everyone, a donation auction with many bargain opportunities, and more than 75 vendor tables of radios, books, parts and related paraphernalia for sale.

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