



It's Spring -- Now! --At Tel-Twelve Mall's Garden Show

Baby, it's cold outside! The snow may snow and the wind may blow < but it's spring at Tel - Twelve Mall!

Trees are budding, flowers are blooming, and the grass needs mowing in the gardens that have sprung up all through the mall. Sixteen gardens bloom Feb 18 to March 5, with forsythia and azaleas, tulips and rhododendron, pansies and hyacinths to delight the eye and to please the nose.

Stroll through the gardens between banks of greenery and beds of bright flowers. Relax on a little bench beside a quiet pool. Enjoy the refreshing sound of a waterfall splashing among the rocks in a naturalistic garden.

There's a Japanese - style garden that features a mini - swimming pool with hot, bubbling water and a shoji screen cabana Azaleas and a dwarf pine tree with a contorted shape contribute to the oriental flavor, and mosses are used for ground cover.

A special touch is provided by a 3 la foot tall Karnakura Buddha. This beautiful statue, cast by well - known Michigan

sculptor Marshall Frederick, represents

Another garden has a meandering stone walkway, a free - form pool and waterfall, retaining walls of redwood ties and ledge rock. It's planted with spruce and pine trees and shade trees as well as smaller flowering trees and shrubs.

Don't overlook the typical American backyard with lawn and patro and barbe cue. Experts are on hand to tell you how you can build it yourself - if you want to!

Check the putting green featured in one garden. Not a bad idea for a back yard! Golf, anyone?

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If you are looking for ideas you can use in your own yard you'll find plenty here — wooden decks, stone patios, brick walks, retaining walls, lattices, screens, fences, garden pools, swimming pools, waterfalls, fountains, benches Plants are in flat beds, raised beds, curved beds, angled beds, planter boxes and a variety of pots

Tel - Twelve Mall's a great place to collect ideas or to just enjoy an early springtime from Feb. 18 through March 5 but please don't eat the dasses!

YOUR GUIDE on this Tel-Twelve tour is Betty Frankel, the Observer Newspapers' "Suburban Gardener" columnist Judged in 1971 as one of the best three or four yardening writers in the state. Betty has a degree in landscaping from the University of Michigan. She and her family live in Farmington Township.



A City That Takes Civic Gardening Seriously

"Have you got a full page?" said the lady from the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department when she was asked what the department does.

It would take volumes to tell about all the comprehensive programs of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department. Facilities include everything from cemeteries to swimming pools and icarenas. There's something for everyonel it's a total recreation department, and directors Larry Schenk and Larry Goldsmith hope to continue expanding and developing the programs.

The piece de resistance — the crowning glory — of the department is the civic complex on Evergreen Rd. In addition to the government offices and service buildings, the complex includes an outdoor swimming pool, an indoor ice arena and other recreation facilities. Grounds have been contoured and planted with trees and shrubs to create a park setting.

In addition to this major facility, the department maintains/several smaller parks and numerous neighborhood play areas. "Walk - To" community recreation centers have been developed at five

schools. These offer a wide range of activities and classes for all ages. The schools and the park department cooperate in acquiring, developing and maintaining parks and other recreation facilities.

The Senior Citizen program is especially active. A monthly newsletter is mailed to 800 senior residents.

The forestry division has a tree - planting program. Its goal is to plant 5,000 trees on city rights - of - way -- each year.

Last year the department participated in a cleanup of the Rouge River. Plans are to continue this year with more cleanup

Also in the ecology line, the department co-sponsors, along with the Keep Southfield Beautiful organization, a bottle collection center and makes arrangements for collecting newspapers for recycling

The list goes on and on. The program and facilities keep on growing to meet the needs and desires of the citizens of South field.

Incidentally, don't forget the lovely display garden the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department has at the Tell Twelve Mall garden show. That's another one of its activities!