

Snow Didn't Keep Suburbia Ladies From Holiday Festival



FRIENDS CHOSE as a place to meet the statues to discuss the many purchases they have made at the Christmas Frosting Market. Each of the 13 Branches had a lamp post with their name on it and a different pose of St.

Francis, friends of the birds. From the Rosedale Garden Club Mrs. W. H. Rolan chatting with Mikey Diamond and Mrs. Fred Anil well known in garden circles in Livonia.

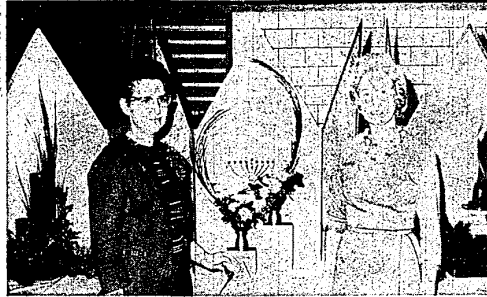
Snowing, blowing, ice and freezing outside? It didn't matter one bit to the several thousand women from this area that were up early Saturday morning and out on their way to the most fabulous garden club shows and bazaars ever sponsored by their respective groups.

In Northville 13 branches sponsored a Christmas Frosting Market that was the most delightful of their annual shows. Included was Livonia, Plymouth, Rosedale Gardens (Livonia), Golfview, Holly, Inkster, Keri Lake, Milford, Northwest Detroit, Redford, Wayne, Westchester and Northville.

Aside from individual booths each branch presented a centerpiece duplicating a Christmas card. Each branch also submitted a festive holiday table. Ribbons were presented by judges on the table settings, and card niches.

Farmington shoppers turned out in droves for their Garden Club show greens market called The Enchantments of Christmas at North Farmington High School held Saturday and Sunday. Botsford, Farmington, Forest Park and Hill and Dale Garden Clubs were sponsors under the General Chairmanship of Mrs. H. F. Brown.

Only Scrooge couldn't avoid getting into the Christmas spirit this weekend if he had circulated around Suburbia. The craft "markets" were dedicated to inspiring the homemakers of the community to turn their own homes into the magical fairyland of Christmas.



PRIZE WINNING display by Forest Park Garden Club members Mrs. Rena Sovel is a centerpiece commemorating the Chanukah Festival of Lights. Members of the Jewish faith will keep the candles lighted for eight days to celebrate the Maccabees victory over the

Syrian army. The centerpiece is composed of iceberg mums-white ivy-pittosporum and scotchbroom. (l-r) Mrs. Rita Crudele, President, Mrs. Barbara Maxon and Mrs. Helen Moorehouse stand by the display. This was part of Farmington "Enchantment of Christmas."

Christmas Card Niches-Tables Displayed, Judged

Judges (those wearing the worried looks) were Mrs. Hobart Andrea, Mrs. John C. Calhoun, Mrs. Gordon Davis, Mrs. C. E. Hutchens, Mrs. L. C. Nanny, Mrs. Ullenbruch presented the ribbons of high distinction to members from Livonia, Plymouth and Rosedale Branch.

The Blue Ribbon was first prize; (three given) Red Ribbon, second; Yellow, third prize; and White, honorable mention.

On Christmas Card centerpieces for Rosedale Garden Club, Mrs. G. Tuck was awarded the Yellow Ribbon for her "Merry Christmas Card" of pastel arrangements of frosted ornaments and pink candles.

Mrs. Robert Sparr for the Plymouth Branch received a Blue Ribbon with a beautiful old Bible, holly, white candles and red satin background.

The Livonia Branch member, Mrs. Herbert Winegarden, received a Blue Ribbon for her "card" of Pittsboro leaves (deep green) with pink and green Christmas ornaments.

Elegant and festive table arrangements submitted were also judged by each of the Branches.

Mrs. John Van Lier and Mrs. Frank Cartee received a Red Ribbon for their table "Tis The Season," turquoise and green-gold were the colors, the dishes were Lamoge cream colored with a band of gold and turquoise. Blue Juniper, pine and



HAVE AN OLD FASHIONED Christmas urged members of the Livonia Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. The members made bird feeders of logs filled with suet, match-stick stars, pine-cone Christmas trees and centerpieces to mention a few. Above Mrs. Joseph Wieland in her poke-bonnet (worn by all the ladies) puts a "sold" sign on a pine-cone Christmas tree.

red carnations in a gold container made up the centerpiece.

Plymouth received a Red Ribbon for their "Sherry Table" submitted by Mrs. Norma Schaefer and Mrs. Edna Schaefer.

The focal point was the lavender punch bowl. No matter what sparkle would be put on the pink mesh centerpiece holding pink ornaments and carnations. A Yellow ribbon was awarded by the judges for the "Pink Ice" table arrangement.



MRS. KEITH B. WILLOUGHBY (bird from left), Director of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, comes by her botanical interests naturally. Here she is watching her mother, Mrs. Iva Dail, 85 years old, demonstrate her skills in one of the highlight exhibits at the Farmington Garden show, which was held Saturday and Sunday. In the show is Helen Moorehouse, Demonstrator Chairman of the show.

Mrs. Dail brought a large number of tiny cones, totaling about 30 lbs., all the way from her home in San Jose, Calif. They were made of redwood trees from her own estate. While fascinated spectators looked on, she made them into beautiful little Christmas trees.



EGGS, the likes which have never been seen, were on sale, made by Plymouth Branch members. Each egg, with loving care, was blown out, decorated (2 1/2 hour job). Members claim the eggs are stronger than tree ornaments by the time they are completed. Gay velvet ribbon, sequins, pearls and rhinestones in lush shades of purple, aqua, gold, blue, pink, red, green — made the Plymouth booth one of the more glamorous, (above) Mrs. H. W. Frisbie and Mrs. H. W. Toyn. Sr. busy making sales.



MRS. CHARLES NELSON, Chairman of the Plymouth Branch booth stands behind one of the trees showing the wares of the Plymouth Branch members. Straw Angels such as the one topping the tree were made by members under the direction of Mrs. Russell Webster who learned the art several years ago. Plymouth members also featured delightful feathered flowers, hand-dipped and made by the members in delicate shades of orange, turquoise, purple, pink and yellow. Mrs. James Gilbert is President of the Plymouth Branch.



THE FRENCH TEA SHOP at the Methodist Women's Fair in Plymouth is where Mrs. Alice Arlen and Mrs. Karen Horton paused to rest while enjoying delicious pastries. Mrs. Gene Jordan (behind the table) has a chance to view the many international booths filled with holiday spirited crowds.

17 Blue Ribbons In Farmington

It was breath-taking for those that visited "Enchantments of Christmas" and a perplexing problem for the judges to view table after table decorated in the holiday theme.

There were 17 different classes and different individuals competing for the coveted awards. The Blue Ribbon first prize winners are as follows:

Class 1—"Worshipping Wonder" (a creche scene displayed with imagination and design)—Mrs. Joseph Pietro, Hill and Dale Garden Club.

Class 2—"Candlelight Caroling." A table set with a

wasall bowl and service for six—Mrs. George Reimold, Hill and Dale Garden Club.

Class 3—"Heavenly Halo." An arrangement to enhance a Madonna, dramatized in a di-

vider. Novice division—Mrs. R. W. Hutchinson, Hill and Dale Garden Club.

Class 4—"Reflected Radiance." A silhouette arrangement expressing the idea of Christmas. Staged in a framed shadow box. Accessories permitted—Mrs. Richard Lancaster, Farmington Garden Club.

Class 5—"Rejoice, Rejoice." A table set with a

Fresh arrangement for Christmas Eve Service, exhibited in triptych. Accessories permitted—Mrs. Donald Sovel, Forest Park Garden Club.

Class 6—"Frosted Fields." A dried arrangement using a minimum of embellished material—Mrs. Warren Kruger, Hill and Dale Garden Club.

Class 7—"Christmas Creativity." A spectacular, free-standing arrangement to be staged on a black base in a defined floor space. Accessories permitted, to be viewed from all sides—Mrs. Don Lochbier, Farmington Garden Club.

Class 8—"Luminous Lava-liters." A lighted pendant tye ornament to enhance an area approximately 15" square by 30" long to be hung from a height of 10"—Mrs. James Read, Farmington Garden Club.

Class 9—"Elegant Emeralds." Service for two staged on a 30" card table. Green satin cloths furnished by committee—Mrs. Donald Scheele, Botsford Garden Club.

Class 10—"Cloud Castles." Abstract scale (student judges or advanced arrangers). An abstract of beauty representing the idea of Christmas. Some fresh material must be used. To be staged on a pedestal 18" square, 36" high.

Class 11—"December Delights" (novice)—An arrangement of original design, suitable for reproduction in a Christmas card. Accessories permitted—Mrs. David McFeegin, Farmington Garden Club.

Class 12—"Flickering Flames." An arrangement using one or more candles—Mrs. Matthew Maxon, Forest Park Garden Club.

Class 13—"Fairland Flair." An assemblage associated with Christmas. An arrangement must be included. Soft green rolled corrugated background—Mrs. Oris Ortholl, Hill and Dale Garden Club.

Class 14—"Festive Flair." An exhibition table set for buffet service—Mrs. Thomas Simmons, Hill and Dale Garden Club.

Class 15—"Gay Gathering." Family dinner, service for four—Mrs. Thomas Simmons, Hill and Dale Garden Club.

Class 16—"Treasure Tapestry." A framed collage using a maximum amount of natural plant materials, to be hung as wall space. Green fabric background.

Class 17—"Santa's Snack." —Mrs. Donald Jewsbury, Hill and Dale Garden Club.



HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB, the Garden Therapy group who assist handicapped children have members displaying some of their clever items. (l-r) Mrs. Gladys King, holding a mobile; Mrs. Donald Jewsbury, a dried arrangement; Mrs. Kenneth Trombley, a pumpkin filled with greens; Mrs. John Passfield, a bird feeder wreath; and President, Mrs. Kathy Ziska another bird feeder. Hill and Dale won the trophy that is on exhibit in the Farmington Library. It was awarded at Cobo Mall in 1964 for the Garden Group whose members won the most blue ribbons.



BLUE RIBBON for "elegance" was given the Botsford Garden Club, Mrs. Joseph E. Craig, President, Mrs. John A. Scerif, Mrs. Lowell Palmer, members of the Botsford Garden Club stand by a table set by one of the members of the Botsford Garden Club, Mrs. Donald Scheele. The Division is "Elegant Emeralds." Set on an emerald green satin background, it featured a centerpiece of scarlet anemones.



DON'T forget the birds, was the theme of the Conservation Exhibit, also in a community project at the Enchantment of Christmas show Saturday. (Above) Mrs. Katherine Ziska behind the tree, Chairman Mrs. Gladys King (kneeling),

and Chairman Betty Brown back of Mrs. King. Stressing the care of wildlife in extreme weather, there are life-like ducks in a pond, the tree is strung with food and suet for the birds.



TULLE AND CHRISTMAS tree ornaments made the Rosedale Branch booth gay and bright. Members made use of magnolia leaves, pine cones satin-colored hoops with holly, to stock their supply. Customers flocked to their booth to purchase many of their small tulie santa clauses and dolls. If members were to charge for the time involved in some of the centerpieces made for the show, no one could afford them. Many hours of time was saved by customers wishing to beautify their homes. Mrs. Ruth Bishop (above) checks stock while Lucille Roffey and Gladys Tuck rest a bit.



EPISCOPAL HOLIDAY MART held Saturday, Dec. 5, at St. Johns Church in Plymouth was so successful the booths ran out of lovely handmade items before closing time. Mrs. Robert Willoughby scurried home during the afternoon and whipped up another batch of her tasty rock candy that sold so quickly. (above) Mrs. Kay Coolman, Mrs. Paul Wideman, Mrs. Ray Barber and Mrs. Sidney Strong packing up the last of the Christmas decorations while Mrs. Henry Lentz (in background) gathers up her working supplies at the end of their successful day.