

**Allday Workshop
Due At Library**

Ever climb the family tree? Or ever want to? If you're not quite sure of the best way to get started (either up or down) you may be interested in the Farmington Historical Society's workshop next Wednesday in the Farmington District Library beginning at 9 a.m.

Cosponsor of the event is the adult education division of the Farmington public schools, directed by Richard Tyler.

ONE OF the four workshop offerings will concern itself with researching genealogies.

On hand to direct this group will be Lucy Mary Kellogg, of the Burton Historical Collection in Detroit.

Just come to the Farmington District Library, next Wednesday either at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. No advance reservations are necessary.

A fee of \$1 will be collected for either the morning session or the afternoon session. Or you may stay all day for the same price.

The other morning session will be "Selling local history in the locale." Donnie Parke, of the Livonia Historical Society, will lead this group.

In the afternoon, two groups will meet. One will be led by a local person, Mrs. Agnes Groundland of Project House. The area of interest: "Preservation and Restoration."

The second group will be called, "Cataloguing Historical Artifacts," and Mrs. Dorothy Barnard of the Michigan Historical Commission, Lansing, will instruct. The group will actually do some cataloguing work.



**Timely Tips on
GARDENING**

By Betty Frankel

Would you believe — 400 books on gardening? Actually the Farmington District Library has over 400 books on gardening, landscaping, horticulture, flower arranging and various related topics and in addition the library subscribes to about a dozen periodicals that are wholly or in part devoted to gardening. This surety should give "food for thought" to local gardeners and provide answers for their horticultural questions.

Even though the books are constantly circulating and some are always "out," it is fun to browse through the collection. The shelves are crammed because there are really more books than shelf-space to contain them. In addition to being informative, many of these books are works of art in themselves and have beautiful illustrations that are an inspiration to the gardener.

"The Garden—an Illustrated History," by Julia S. Berrall, is a new book that the library recently acquired. It is a large book with many black and white illustrations and numerous colored plates. It covers the development of the art of gardening from the time that gardens were first cultivated, carrying the reader through geometric Egyptian gardens, walled Persian gardens, terraced Italian Renaissance gardens, formal French gardens, and Japanese gardens to present-day gardens. Mrs. Berrall points out the relationship between the style of gardening and the social and cultural achievements of that age. Interestingly many of the famous gardens of the past are still in existence and Mrs. Berrall was able to photograph them. It's a delightful book for a late-winter armchair garden tour.

Equally beautiful is Peter Coats' book on "Great Gardens of the Western World." It has some truly breathtaking color plates.

"The Glory of the Tree" by Dutch experts B. K. Boom and H. Kleijn has about 200 color

ed illustrations showing the form of numerous trees, the texture of bark and foliage and closeup details of flowers and fruit. Each photograph is a work of art. Together they add up to a magnificent work.

In a completely different vein is "The Joy of a Small Garden," by Janet Gillespie. This little book shows how one small piece of land can be used and enjoyed in endless ways. It's an informal, witty narrative with lots of practical information.

"America's Garden Book," by James and Joise Bush-Brown has been cherished by gardeners for nearly 30 years. This is a real "how-to-do-it" book. Packed into 170 pages is more information than is often found in a large many-volume encyclopedia.

The list of beautiful new garden books and beloved old ones could go on and on. There are 135 books at the library on flower arranging. These delightful volumes include many on Japanese flower arranging, contemporary expressive creations, table setting, dried arrangements and Christmas decorations, and arrangements for churches and weddings.

The 85 books on horticulture covers the growing of wildflowers, bulbs, small fruits and herbs, as well as garden flowers, shrubs and vines and many other topics such as hybridizing and greenhouse gardening. Some of the books in this category include "Complete Guide to Successful Gardening," by Rockwell; "The Complete Garden," by Taylor; "The Chrysanthemum Book," by Roderick Cumming; "The Joy of Geraniums," by Helen Van Pelt Wilson; "Shrubs and Vines for American Gardens," by Wyman; "The Shrub Identification Book," by Symonds; and "Flowering Shrubs," by Isabel Zucker.

There are 52 books catalogued under landscaping, although this is a rather arbitrary figure since many of the books on horticulture also give information on landscaping, and vis-versa. Books in this category tell how to plan the garden design and suggest trees and shrubs to plant. Information is given on construction of beds, patios and fences. Orloff and Raymore's book on landscaping makes good reading, as does Steele's "Gardens and Pools." Practical advice is given by Aul in "How to Build Garden Structures."

In addition to these books, there are well over 100 books on miscellaneous related topics. These include books on soil, garden pests, insecticides and ethetics and the use of color. There are 30 garden books for children and about 15 garden books are kept on the reference shelf. These reference books, which include

"Exotica," by A. B. Graf; "Poisonous Plants of the U.S. and Canada," by John Kingsbury; and "A Gardener's Book of Plant Names," by Smith, do not circulate but are always available for use at the library.

Farmington gardeners are fortunate to have such an extensive collection available. Occasionally gardeners from other communities come to gain information and inspiration from our books. Thanks for this unusually fine collection goes both to librarian, Mildred Droegge, who has been responsible for building and maintaining it, and also to the many people who have presented the library with handsome gift volumes. The garden clubs in the area have been especially generous. Their gifts have enabled the library to have many beautiful garden books that cost far more than those that could be purchased with the library's allotted funds.

Now, when the gardener's thoughts are turning to seeds and shrubs and pruning and planting, is a good time to get acquainted with the garden books at the Farmington District Library.

Duplicate Game To S'field

The Thursday 10:30 a.m. duplicate bridge game has moved to the Southfield Parks and Recreation Center from the Blue Lantern Lounge in Farmington. The A.C.B.L. (American Contract Bridge League) affiliated bridge game is open to all bridge players. Monthly Master Point games are played on the third Thursday morning. A.C.B.L. fractions and prize money will be awarded to winners in the weekly games.

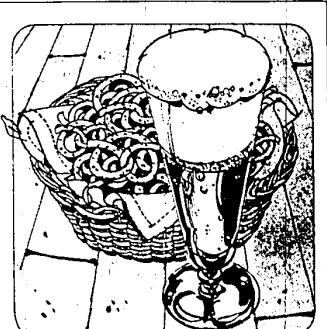
Coffee and cookies are served and sandwiches are available at the center.

The first game played March 2, had Jack Sullivan, Detroit and Marge Smith, Farmington, in first place. Nancy Lunan and Janet Mark-er, both of Southfield, were in second place. Winners were placed in the first four positions.

Rose Anderson, director of the Farmington Clubs, will be directing the Thursday morning game. For information, you may contact her at 476-1767, or call the Southfield Parks and Recreation Center. Weekly Wednesday night at 8 p.m. games and Sunday at 6 p.m. games will continue at the Blue Lantern Lounge, in Farmington. It is located on 12 Mile Road at Orchard Lake Road. For additional information on these games you may contact the above number, or Mrs. Johnson at MA. 6-6425.

On Dean's List
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