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Susie Sundburg stands before the decorated fireplace which guests will see when they visit her mother at 32105 Red Clover Road. (Photos by Gerry Gazda)



Workshops, which took place throughout November, involved members of Hill and Dale Garden Club who fashioned a variety of out-of-the-ordinary boutique items for sale in the Farmington Community Center where guests are invited for the sale and tea after the walk. Greta Tipping (left) and Chris Sechler prepare holders made of barnwood for the sale. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

Holiday homes open Dec. 14 for a gala Christmas Walk

Seven members of the Hill and Dale Garden Club will open their homes Sunday, Dec. 14, for the club's "Christmas Walk" for guests to view a variety of holiday decorations and themes.

At the end of the tour maps will be provided with reservations, guests are invited to tea in the Farmington Community Center, and browsing through a boutique sale of hand-crafted holiday decorations created by the club members. Some of the sale items are seasonal and some may be used year-around.

All proceeds are marked to support the club's garden therapy program, a program for the area's handicapped children in Farmington Public Schools.

The garden therapy classes stem to 1960 in Farmington schools. Before that, the only such classes were held in hospitals and nursing homes.

The local club took up the project with the assistance of Alice Bulgin, horticultural therapist and author of "Hoe for Health" and with 20 women working in four schools with 64 children, began its first class in the spring of 1961.

HILL AND DALE members now make bi-monthly visits to 21 class-

rooms, and provide garden projects adapted to more than 225 youth attending special education classes.

The projects include planting, growing and arranging flowers; conservation of wild life and plants. The students range in age from three to 25 and include orthopedic, mentally retarded, physically handicapped and emotionally disturbed youth.

The club has landscaped the courts at Cloverdale and North Farmington schools and annually plants trees on the school sites. Each spring members plant bulbs at the schools and each classroom where the women work has been given a greenhouse by the club. This year, each was given a birdfeeder.

Hill and Dale won its first award, the Michigan Award of Merit from the Federated Garden Club of Michigan, for its program in 1964. Since then it has gathered up a considerable number of awards for its work in garden therapy and has worked to sponsor the same program with other garden clubs in the metropolitan area.

HOMES ON THE WALK include the residences of Mrs. Donald Jewsbury on Quaker Valley Lane, Mrs. Jack Roughley on Quaker Valley Road,

Mrs. William Somerville on Colons Park Drive, Mrs. Walt Leonard on Fox Grove Court, Mrs. Vernon Vickland on Mullane Drive, Mrs. William Squires on Sommerwood and Mrs. Carl Sundberg on Red Clover Road.

Decorating co-ordinators for the tour are Mrs. David Camp, Mrs. John King, Mrs. Robert Perreccchi, Mrs. Thomas Simmons and Mrs. Kenneth Chevne.

Mrs. Fredrick Bulman is general

chairman of the tea, and Mrs. John Passfield is chairman of the boutique.

Advance tickets are now on sale in the Farmington Community Center or may be purchased through Mrs. Michael Byrne Jr., 7339 Coach Lane West Bloomfield.

Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the walk at any of the homes on the tour or at the community center. Donation is \$3.



Elaborately decorated packages on the porch welcome guests into the home of Mrs. Walt Leonard, 29952 Fox Grove Court



Inside of Mrs. Leonard's home, she shows one way to set a table for elegant dining.



Christmas tree ornaments for the boutique are prepared by Barbara Meade (left) and Greta Tipping. (Photo by Jim Hug)



Pine cones wreaths will be on sale after the walk. Pauline Jewsbury, who took part in some of the workshops to create the boutique items, also will open her holiday-decorated home for the walk.