

# Room for Design

## Plants make attractive accessories

Part of the pleasure of summertime is the green environment produced by Mother Nature. Everything around us is in bloom, in technicolor.

Before too long, the colors will begin to fade and life outdoors will fold over and go to sleep for another season. It is possible to have a touch of spring in our homes all during the year if you incorporate greenery in every room of the house.

While walking through Somerset Mall recently, I felt I was tiptoeing through a garden. The mall had a beautiful array of plants, greenery and potted flowers. Whether you have a professional green thumb or not, it's possible to have success with plants if you take time to visit your local nursery and pick up information about plants that require little care and less doctoring than you thought.

Many of us have little time today for anything that takes time to care for. However, you would be surprised at the lift you will have by adding some plants to each room.

**PLANTS ARE THE LOVELIEST** and least expensive way to accessorize your home. Let's consider what you may do with an area that needs something to balance another piece of furniture.

There is absolutely no better solution to a problem area than a tall tree to balance out a room. A tree can break up the bareness of the wall and lend a tall, large shape in natural form. You eliminate the need for anything on the wall behind it for the plant is the focal point.

The planter pot can coordinate with the decor of the room. Everything from ceramic, brass, chrome and colorful porcelain containers are available to fit any decor. It becomes an interesting accessory. The soft edges of the leaves are in direct contrast to the harsh edges of the wood pieces.

An interesting effect will be produced if you place the plant in front of a mirror. The result is a three-dimensional feeling. It is particularly enchanting when an upright is used behind floor plants to create shadows on the wall and ceiling.

I like to use a variety of plants in a room rather than one certain kind, for each plant family has an interesting individual growth pattern.

Potted floral plants and hanging



by Gloria Cohen

plants are fun to use in a bathroom and kitchen. They induce a cheerful look to any room that may otherwise be drab.

If you are a traveler and afraid to risk leaving your plants unwatered, there are people whose business is to come to your home and care for your plants while you are on vacation.

Here's something that may surprise you . . . If you really want your plants to flourish and be happy, leave your radio on while you are away.

I understand from plant people that plants love music and stay healthy when treated like people. A little tender loving care is all they need. The fact that you can have greens indoors year-round is worth the little attention they require — and what fun they are to use as decorating accessories.

## Art-in-the-Park jury looks for top quality

Birmingham's fifth annual Art-in-the-Park will be held Sept. 15 and 16 at Shain Park.

Sponsored by Friends of Common Ground, Art-in-the-Park is a juried community art fair which brings together some 120 artists. Media will include painting, sculpture, photography, print making, weaving, jewelry making and others.

Jurors who recently selected the participants for Art-in-the-Park are three well-known members of the local art scene, John Glick, Carl Toth and Julie Hall.

Glick, nationally known potter, has exhibited in museum and university collections throughout the country and at the White House in Washington, D.C. He recently received a commission to design a one-of-a-kind set of dinnerware for Vice President and Mrs. Mondale.

Since 1964, he has operated Plum Tree Pottery in Farmington, a pottery where utilitarian objects are made, exhibited and sold.

Toth heads the photography department at Cranbrook Academy in Bloomfield Hills. He holds a master's degree in fine arts from State University of New York in Buffalo and is well-known as both a teacher and photographer. His work is displayed in permanent collections at the Detroit Institute of Art.

the Australian National Gallery, Museum of Modern Art in New York City and International Museum of Photography in Rochester, N.Y.

Mrs. Hall is curator of the Michigan Artisan and author of the book "Tradition and Change: The New American Craftsman." She is a recognized authority on the collector's of American folk arts and crafts.

The jury began its selection process by viewing, via slide projector, all art works submitted in each medium. A total of some 400 works. This overall showing in each medium helped them to assess the quality of the art and to eliminate those whose work didn't measure up to the standard set by the better works.

Slide censuses for the jury session were furnished through the courtesy of Birmingham Camera Shop and Duncans Camera Stores.

Proceeds from Art-in-the-Park will support Common Ground, a Birmingham human service agency which focuses on prevention of and early intervention in mental health problems, particularly among adolescents and young adults.

Services include crisis counseling, legal consultation, acute medical care and a comprehensive information and referral system.

## Club Circuit

**CHILDBIRTH WITHOUT PAIN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** sponsors two public film showings of couples who have used the Lamaze-Pavlov (psychoprophylactic) method of painless childbirth.

The films and an accompanying program will be given at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, in Grace Hospital Northwest Auditorium, 18780 Meyers Rd., Detroit, and at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, in the Beaumont Hospital Auditorium, in the Administrative Service Building, behind the hospital, on Coolidge and Woodward in Royal Oak.

A \$1 donation will be asked for at the door. No children will be admitted.

The group meets for its annual picnic, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, on Belle Isle, in a covered area near the new Playscape. Pot luck luncheon.

**JUNIOR GARDENERS** invite kindergardeners through high school aged students to join them for their first meeting of the new year at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, in City Park on Shawwassee and Farmington roads.

Penny Stairs will furnish all particulars and take inquiries about club membership by calling her at 476-9463.

Junior Gardeners is sponsored by

Hill and Dale Garden Club, and is patterned after its parent-club.

**THE GATHERING PLACE** is taking reservations now from seniors for three fall trips.

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, seniors will take off for a one-day outing at Apple Barrel Farm.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, the destination is

Faw Paw, Mich., for a tour and wine tasting party.

A three-day trip to Chicago, a tour of Chinatown, the theater and Christmas shopping is set for Nov. 7-10.

Reservations and inquiries can be taken by stopping in The Gathering Place, in Mercy Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each weekday.

## Horticultural tips given by telephone

A phone message service that provides quick and timely information on horticulture is yours for the dialing, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number to dial is 358-2519.

Some of the topics scheduled for the next two weeks are preserving herbs,

garden tips for September, preserving zucchini and summer squash, plants for shady areas, and what to do when the power goes off.

New topics are given every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

## New book covers Franklin's history

A new book "All About Franklin — From Pioneers to Preservation" will be launched at the annual Labor Day Round-Up celebration on the village green in Franklin.

Funded by the Franklin Historical Society, it relates the founding and development of the quaint Oakland County village that was registered a historical district with the U.S. Department of Interiors, Feb. 10, 1969.

Many village residents are directly responsible for the book. The author, Bettie Waddell Cannon of West Bloomfield, a former Franklin resident, was assisted in research by several historical society members. Mrs. Cannon is a published poet, free-lance writer, and past president of Detroit Women Writers.

Photographs of the past and present, contributed by villagers, are liberally used throughout the book. Also included are five maps denoting area development and change. More than 25 pen-and-ink drawings of village scenes by nationally known Franklin illustrators Max Altekruze and David McCall Johnson add a special touch. The publishing company, Four Corners Press of Grand Rapids, is owned by villager Charlotte Ellison and her daughter, Charlotte Ann Ellison.

The 150-page volume of facts and humor is divided into four chapters chronologically covering 154 years of Franklin history from the first land grant sale April 2, 1824, to June 1978.

The first two chapters, "Michigan Fever 1824-1850" and "The Farmer Comes to Town 1850-1900," are primarily based on information found in registered documents, newspaper clippings and personal ledgers.

The final chapters, "The Turning Point 1900-1945" and "Exurbia to Suburbia 1945-1978," are colorfully brought to life with oral histories and personal reminiscences by some of Franklin's old-timers, Cora and Art Kreager, lifetime residents; Mildred Wood whose father was called "Mr. Franklin"; James Bowden from a three-generation Franklin family; George Wellington Smith, a land developer associated with Franklin's slogan "The Town That Time Forgot!"; and Walter Johnston who was born in the present village office, the Broughton House.

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