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Junior gardeners called Chickadees begin new season

Young gardeners, or those who would like to become gardeners, are invited to the Chickadees first meeting of the new season at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13.

The meeting will be an orientation and get-acquainted session led by the group's new facilitator, Pat Cottrhan, in her home at 33620 Quaker Valley.

Horticulture, nature study, conservation and flower arranging, which are all facets of an adult club, make up the after-school sessions for the group, which is a registered member of Federation of Junior Garden Clubs.

Parent club for the Chickadees is Hill and Dale Garden Club, which sponsors

sors the youth, who are from kindergarten through sixth grade. "They elect their own officers and pretty much set their own pace," Cottrhan said. "The September orientation meeting will be taken up with them telling me where their interests lie and what they will want to concentrate on this year. They will be making up their own agenda."

What projects the youth choose will be confined to guidelines set down by the federation, which includes projects for preserving natural resources, community beautification, and participation in flower shows sponsored by the parent club.

Hill and Dale will be giving an anniversary flower show next June and Cottrhan expects the Chickadees will participate in that, as the junior gardeners have done in the past several shows.

THE YOUNG gardeners already have amassed certificates of commendation or appreciation from Warner Mansion, Farmington Hills Fire Department and Keep Michigan Beautiful for past projects.

Cottrhan is assisted by two members of Hill and Dale at each meeting who come in to help with projects or to speak on their expertise.

The Chickadees plan their own periodic workshops and outings, and keep in touch with one another through their own newsletter.

The members pay \$2 a year in dues, plus the cost of any supplies or materials necessary for the projects they wish to pursue.

Cottrhan emphasizes that members are not confined to those whose parents belong to Hill and Dale, or any garden club.

Entry to the Cottrhan residence on Quaker Valley is west from Farmington Road, between 11 and 12 Mile roads. She will take inquiries by calling 477-8180.



The pictures above show some of the work the Chickadees turned out last season. Fresh flower arrangements (at top) and dried flower arrangements (below) were all the result of after-school classes that were put up for competition by the youth in a judged show. In addition to individual projects, the junior gardeners took on a couple of community projects as a group.

Garden study course offered

Hill and Dale launches anniversary year

Hill and Dale Garden Club launches its 25th anniversary year this month under the presidency of Penny Stairs.

One of the first items on the calendar for the season is a Garden Study Course the club sponsors in conjunction with Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan. The two-day seminar is open to all area gardeners.

Dates for the seminar are Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 6-7 in Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road.

William Collins, horticulture specialist of University of Michigan will lecture on plant propagation. Roger Sutherland, professor of biology, will introduce participants to the sexual reproduction of plants.

Vera Sullivan, a horticulture consultant and county extension agent will tell of the how's and why's of growing plant materials, including vegetables, in containers.

Randy Heatley, a Jackson County extension agent, will instruct on the best techniques of growing vegetables. Star Foster and Allison Jones will show slides which explain how to incorporate wildflowers into a perennial bed.

"We'll also be planting spring bulbs for forcing in our homes," Stairs said.

"We're praying for nice bright sunny days so we can have an outdoor study and identification of native plants," she said.

REGISTRATIONS for the course are now being accepted by mail.

Interested persons may register by sending a check for \$20, made payable to "Gardening Study Courses" to Mrs. Charles Gunderson, 33878 Colony Park Drive, Farmington Hills 48018.

Questions will be taken by Stairs at 552-8173.

Hill and Dale's new president is a 15-year member of the club and an accredited flower show judge who is now working toward credentials that will give her the title of Landscape Critic and Garden Consultant. Both of these courses are given through the Michigan Federation of Gardens Clubs.

Her first vice president is Mary Bahna.

The two will oversee plans for the anniversary year's celebrations, which will culminate when past presidents are called back to be honored at a dinner dance next spring. The dinner dance will be given in conjunction with a spring flower show at Rotonda Inn.

In its 25 years, the club has gained nationwide recognition for its garden therapy program carried on in special education classes in Farmington Public Schools.

The therapy program has steadily expanded each year and will do that again this fall when a class of 30 students in Cloverdale School will be added to the program.

Hill and Dale members teach the class to about 300 students now each school year.

Women prove 'homework' not over at graduation

By Shirley Eden staff writer

Little Bo Peep may have lost her sheep, but not Gloria Bellaires.

Sleep is a seven day a week business for the Clarkston woman who owns the Hillside farm and the Sheep Shed.

Bellaires has agreed to list her business with Home Work, Inc., a directory of products and services offered by men and women who work at home which is scheduled for publication later this year.

While her husband, George, leaves the farm each morning to go to his job in Southfield in Bell Telephone's Engineering Co., Bellaires tends to her 98

head of Romney Sheep, a breed first registered in England in 1709.

"The chores take three or four hours every day, seven days a week," she says. "I keep the sheep for wool which I spin. I have colored sheep from white, grey, beige, brown to black. Sheep are basically white but I breed recessives to recessives to get other colors."

Born in Lansing, Bellaires grew up in the Cadillac-Potosky area and raised five children, all grown and gone now. "With my sheep I have my work, my hobby, my everything," she says. "I really have the best of all worlds."

Her customers can choose the wool right off a sheep's back or choose differing shades to knit an outfit.

Her listing in the Home Work direc-

tory will be there to make her clippers, hats, mittens and other products familiar to people in the area.

NORI GEFFEN of Southfield, an artist who found she could no longer paint when she became a widow, took up her brushes about six years after her husband's death.

Painting to augment her living, she has established a business called Where There's a Will. Beginning by painting murals in the homes of friends, she found a market for her work.

"There are so many new babies among family and friends that I found that a way to get started again," she says. "Mostly I do murals for babies and children's rooms, but I've done large paintings too."

Bill Meyers runs his music services from his Southfield home where someone called him to list in the new directory. "I figured it's a good investment," he says.

A Detroit native and 10-year Southfield resident, Meyers works full-time from home. He does bookings, referrals, music writing, arranging and conducting.

"It all goes together in the music business," he says. "I've done this for 20 years, just going out on the road a few weeks a year."

ANNEMARIE ROEPER, now retired from actively running the Rooper School which she and her husband founded, runs a consultation service for gifted students from her Franklin home.

"I also work outside the home at the

Counseling Association, a mental health clinic with a division for the gifted."

In addition, she speaks publicly and has published articles. "I'm available for parent organizations, nursery school and to advise on school placement," she says.

"The directory will help people find me."

Rooper who has spoken in every state and Canada uses some of her energies working for the Michigan Educators for Social Responsibility, a group organized to work for the reduction of nuclear arms.

Sheila Millman loves working at home in Southfield because no one tells her what to do or when to do it. "I do knit finishing and crocheting and I can work at 8 in the morning or at 10 at

night. I don't have to 9-to-5 it," she says.

She and her husband, Arthur, have one daughter, another reason for her wanting to be home.

"I find it relaxing," she says. "I can put my feet up and knit, which I love. I use it for my therapy. My mother taught me knitting when I was 10."

FOR FIVE years, she taught knitting to adult education students in Farmington. Now she prefers teaching at home. "We've been told here in Southfield that there may not be a bus for the children for school next fall, so I'm really needed at home."

Millman says she got a letter about the new directory and decided it would be an asset to list her business because "it sounded great to me."

For four Oakland County women, the directory is an outlet and a way to help others. The four, all friends who live in Huntington Woods, decided to start the guide within the last year.

Ruth Share, Evelyn Burton, Natalie Frumkin and Annette Levin wanted to start some sort of business. Between them, the women have 18 children, but most are grown and independent.

"I was looking for someone to do a needlepoint rug for me and couldn't find anyone in the shops," says Share. "Finally I found a Birmingham woman who does this at home. I also found she wasn't getting enough business by word of mouth."

A LITTLE of research revealed many such home-bound entrepreneurs

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Mary Bowman, a Farmington Hills artist whose specialty is the Zen art of Japanese brush painting, is listed in the new directory. The guide will be published this year as a service to homebound business people and an incentive for others to start new home enterprises. It will also be a boon for those looking for services that are unusual or difficult to obtain.



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