

Horitculture classes offered

Orchestra salutes youth

There will be several variations on the "In Celebration of Youth" theme at the Rochester Symphony Orchestra's concert at 8 p.m. Friday.

The two concerto winners, Theresa Tomoko Mack, 18, senior division and Andrea Piotrowski, 13, junior division, will be the piano soloists.

Audience members are invited to bring a toy to the concert and receive \$1 off on each ticket.

Ronald McDonald, the restaurant chain's trademark clown, will entertain and accept the toys for the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit which is a home away from home for parents and relatives of patients in Children's Hospital.

During the concert, children selected from the audience by Ronald McDonald will be invited to conduct the orchestra in the "Blue Danube Waltz."

THERESA MACK was born in Japan and began her study of the piano at eight. When she family moved to Michigan from New York several years ago, she began to study with Ruth Burezyk.

Two years ago she won a \$300 scholarship in a Michigan Federation of Music Clubs competition and first place in senior level at Schoolcraft College Honors Recital.

With her sister, Elena, she won the competition to perform "Carnival of the Animals" for two pianos with the Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra performing at the World's Fair, Knoxville, Tenn.

For three consecutive years she won first rating for the State Solo Ensemble Festival of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and recently won the \$600 Joseph Weintraub Memorial Scholarship from Oakland University.

She is presently studying with Flavio Varani at Oakland University.

Burezyk coached Theresa in preparation for the Grieg Concerto in A Minor which she played for the Rochester Symphony Orchestra competition and which she will play for the concert.

Andrea Piotrowski has been studying with Burezyk for about five years. She attended the All-State Division at Interlochen in the summer of 1992 and was selected to participate in the semifinals of the Young Keyboard Artists International Competition last year.

The orchestra, with conductor James Hohmeyer, will perform Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," Bloch's Concerto Grosso for String Orchestra, Gounod's Petite Symphony and Stravinsky's Firebird Suite.

The concert will be at Rochester High School auditorium, Livonia and Walton, Rochester. Tickets are \$5 and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

For information, call 651-4282 or 651-3711.

"Botany at Cranbrook," a new series of classes sponsored by Cranbrook Institute of Science, will begin Thursday. Subject areas will be the art of Japanese flower arrangement and bonsai, plus plant geography, herbs, succulents and home landscape design.

A three-session class in traditional Japanese flower arranging, ikebana, begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and includes moribana, flower arrangement in low, shallow containers. Fee is \$12.

"Plant Geography," which begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, is a four-session class about major plant formations of North America. In addition to illustrated lectures, there will be special focus on Michigan vegetation and discussions on interrelationships of

plants and climate, ecological principles and more. Fee is \$25.

"Success with Succulents," and "Bonsai: Living Art" also begin on Tuesday. The succulents class runs for six weeks and focuses on a number of varieties that do well in Michigan, mixing soil, propagating and eliminating pests. Fee is \$30.

The **BONSAI** course, which runs for eight weeks, will explore the art and discipline of this ancient form of dwarfing and shaping trees and shrubs to be grown in shallow containers.

Succulents and bonsai will be taught by San De Fazio and Patrick D. McKown, horticulturalists whose greenhouse business, Preter Tellus of West

Bloomfield, specializes in the cultivation and propagation of unusual plants — orchids, succulents, cactuses and many rare species from all parts of the world. DeFazio said this first bonsai course will cover the history, aesthetics and tools needed for this complicated but fascinating pursuit. Fee is \$38.

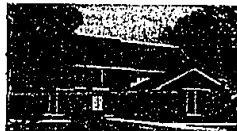
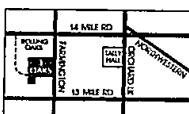
Three classes on "Home Landscape Design: Doing It Yourself" begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. Participants will learn how to develop low maintenance landscape plans. No landscaping background is needed. Fee is \$20.

"Herbs for Use and Delight," a three-week course introducing the many herbs and their uses, begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8.

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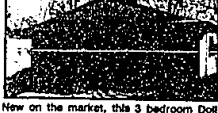
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