

briefly speaking

GARDENING CLASSES
A basic gardening seminar will be presented by the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22 in the Wayne County Extension and Education Center.
Some of the topics that will be covered are garden design, lawn care, flowers, vegetables, container gardening and pest management. All classes will be taught by a certified Master Gardener. Registration fee is \$10.
To register, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check for \$10 made payable to Master Gardener Association of Wayne County, Wayne County Extension and Education Center, 5154 Venoy Road, Wayne 48184. Registration confirmation and class schedule will be sent by return mail.

MATTHAI WALK
"Habits and Habitats" is the theme of the free monthly trail walk at the Matthai Botanical Gardens at 2 p.m. Sunday.
The trails at Matthai pass through a variety of distinct habitats, among which are the flood plains of Fleming Creek, a seepage bog, knolls of hickory-oak woods, old farm fields and a former gravel pit.
The walks will last from 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Visitors are advised to dress for the weather and to wear water-

proof boots in case of muddy conditions. Meet in the lobby of the conservatory. Matthai is located at 1899 N. Dixboro, half mile south of the Plymouth Road intersection on the east side of the road.

ART AUCTION
The Livonia Metropolitan Club, VFW Post 3941, will sponsor an art auction at the clubhouse, 29155 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, at 7 p.m. Friday, April 7. The public is invited. Admission is \$3.

'LET'S TALK' CONTINUES
The "Let's Talk About It" reading and discussion series, sponsored by the Livonia Carl Sandburg Branch Library, continues Tuesday, April 4 with "Morgan's Passing," by author Anne Tyler.
Leading the discussion will be Kaye Hughes, Marian High School instructor. The discussions are open to the public. Copies of the book are available at the library for those who wish to read it and participate in the discussion. For more information, call 476-0700.

FEATURED ARTIST
Norma McQueen, a Garden City artist and member of the Garden City Fine Arts Association, has been chosen "artist of the month" at the Henry Ford Hospital's West Bloomfield Center, 6777 W. Maple Road.
Her work will be on display

through Wednesday, April 24. The exhibit will include oils, acrylics, water colors and pen and inks. The exhibit is open to the public.

GLASS MONTH EXHIBIT
In conjunction with Michigan Glass Month, an exhibit, "Recent Work" by artists Nadine Kost, Sherie Rensel and Karen Sepanski will be on display from Wednesday, April 5 through Friday, April 21, in Sisson Gallery, MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, Henry Ford Community College. An artist reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5.

STUDENT RECITAL
Madonna College, Livonia, presents a music department student recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in Kresage Hall. The event is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Students will perform piano, vocal, flute and guitar music.

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB
The 28th annual Livonia Artist Club exhibit will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile Road. The exhibit will be juried by Electra Stamelos. The public is invited. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

AFTERNOON IN VIENNA
The golden years of Vienna will be recaptured through music and dance in "An Afternoon in Vienna" featuring the music of the LaCorda Ensemble and the vocal talents of Heidi Hepler. The dinner-dance is scheduled for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 23, in the Plymouth Cultural Center.
In addition to the musical program, a typical Viennese dinner will be served, including a choice of sauerkraut/ Bavarian sauerkraut or Chicken paprikas with noodles. Tickets are \$17.50. Deadline for ordering tickets is April 1. For more information, contact George Stepulla, 459-5264.



Suzanne Benton artist/storyteller



Sr. Thea - trans-cultural exchange

Mask sculptress featured at spirituality conference

Suzanne Benton, internationally acclaimed metal sculptor, mask maker, lecturer and storyteller, will perform a mask ritual theater depicting "Women of the Bible," at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in the Second National Conference on the Spiritual Woman at Mercy College.
Benton has studied and worked as an artist in countries rich with mask and ritual traditions. Through her Lifestory Workshops, she involves people in the creative process of her work through storytelling with the masks.
Also highlighted on the program will be nationally known black spiritual leader, Thea Bowman, FSPA. The granddaughter of a slave born in Canton, Miss., she converted to Catholicism and entered a convent in the tenth grade after witnessing the influence of the Franciscan Sisters made in educating the black children of her hometown.

Sr. THEA, FEATURED on the CBS program, "Sixty Minutes" in 1987, now crosses the continents from Kenya to Canada to Detroit spreading the message that people are gifted, that Black is beautiful and that cross-cultural collaboration enriches both education and living.
The conference, "Remembering Rachel," will provide a trans-cultural exchange among women of different faiths, ethnic background and class. It will help develop strategies to oppose violence, economic and spiritual impoverishment and political and racial exclusion.
More than 200 participants are expected to attend the conference, which runs from Sunday through Tuesday, April 9-11 in Mercy College Conference Center.
Registration for the three-day conference can be made by calling Dr. Jacqueline Zeff, 932-6155.

Artist to hold studio sale

Edee Joppich, Farmington Hills artist, will open her home for a studio tour and sale from 1-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 7-8.
Joppich has gained recognition for her abstract collage paintings as well as for her watercolors of still life subjects, landscapes of the Leelanau Peninsula, flower and figures.
She has had 16 one-woman shows and has received numerous prizes and honors including the artist in residence award for the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills in

1976. Her work is included in the city of Livonia's public art collection.
A teacher with the Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL), she will be a principal speaker at the artists workshop sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission on Saturday, April 15 in the Livonia Civic Center library, open to all area artists.
A large selection of her work will be on view at her home, 24547 Creekside Drive, Farmington Hills. Creekside is 1 1/2 blocks north of 10 Mile and one block west of Middlebelt.

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FINAL PHASE RESERVATIONS IN PROGRESS

CERAMICS EXHIBITION
The Michigan Ceramics '89, the annual statewide juried exhibition sponsored by the Michigan Potters Association, is on display in the University of Michigan Jean Paul Slusser Gallery in the school of art, 2000 Bonisteel Boulevard.

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