

Another successful Farmington Garden Club Good Neighbor Contest has drawn to a close. This year's categories were vegetable gardens, large home gardens, small home gardens, and condominium gardens.

First place vegetable garden winner was William Nuttall, whose vegetables are bordered by bright flowers, zinnias, and marigolds. Besides the usual vegetables, he grows raspberries, melons on fences, grapes, and fruit trees.

Two scarecrows protect his crops, and bring smiles to passing car passengers.

Nuttall also has a working compost pile which is hidden by a wall with a bench and large pine tree.



The vegetable garden grown by William Nuttall, bordered by flowers and protected by scarecrows, took the first-place prize in its category.

**FIRST PLACE** winner of the large home garden was Art & Mary Ellen Dea Gravise, who moved into their new home 15 months ago. All of the landscaping materials were purchased by them, and these in addition to their grass are kept manicured.

Due to construction of the new home, a beautiful large tree in front of the house died. A portion of that tree was preserved by carving three hawks into the standing trunk. This site is mostly shade garden with a lovely side yard patio. Judges said it was amazing that all the improvements were accomplished in just 15 months.

First place winner in the small gardens was a spot on Powers Road. This small garden winner used all available space wisely. Cars just naturally slow down when they pass this house.

The many baskets hanging from the house and trees draw immediate attention. A charming stone walk takes you past nicely placed garden sculptures to the vegetables by the garage.

This garden has many ornamental touches, such as furniture, statues, and curtains in the garden windows.

**FIRST PLACE** in the condominium category was won by Helen M. Peters. She is 82 years young, and planted 30 flats of flowers this year. The care given this garden is evident to everyone. It begins at the front door with the decorated hat hanging on the door, continues to the baskets planted with annuals, and continues to the patio pots on the deck.

Other winners were: Second place, large garden, Lorene Malbach; second place, small garden, Betty Schulz; second place, condominium garden, Sidney Eisner; Third Place, small garden, Judy Baxtresser.

Honorable Mention were Lou Goldblatt, Helene Du Buc, Sandy Landbach, Gail Heath, Gail Cross, Mary Ann Reeves, and Barb Ports.

Du Buc's garden abounds in color, perennials, annuals, roses, and day

lilies. She prepares gardens in the spring with compost. In the fall, she grinds bags and bags of leaves for mulch.

She has a high front raised flower bed that is a riot of color and textures with many, many large boulders.

Heath, Gross and Reeves have three houses next door to each other. Heath has made good use of Impatiens and ageratum. Gross has used white Impatiens and deep red Korean maples for texture and form variety.

Reeves has used gravel mulches to provide low maintenance, and has a backyard swimming pool and child's playhouse which even has a garden and window boxes.

JUDY BAXTRESSER'S garden is enclosed with white picket fence. All of the plant material in her garden is labeled for variety. She has over 15 different herbs in her herb bed. Schulz's garden is lovely and well maintained. A large sloped deep back garden is mainly shade. Perennial plants and garden sculptures abound. Roses grow at the back of the house and there are many bird feeders.

Goldblatt's garden has perennials and vegetables. There is a flagstone path winding through the garden with a bench to rest on and a basket of cut flowers sits beside the bench. Goldblatt is a master gardener.

Landbach's garden has a new perennial bed in front with lots of ground cover. She also has large perennial beds in back. Potts has a charming small patio garden. Eisner has a lovely rose garden in his side yard. He also has perennials in the back.

Malbach has a large piece of property with interestingly laid-out beds which are very appealing. Variety of textures lends nice details.

Judges this year were Barbara Denton, Ruth Knott, Betty Mitchell and Eileen Abbott.

## Funeral director is one of few in Michigan

Linda Stacy, a licensed funeral director at McCabe Funeral Home, Inc. was the featured "Profile" in Michigan Woman magazine's September-October issue.

Stacy was recognized for her unusual career choice. She is one of the few female licensed funeral directors in Michigan.

A longtime Dearborn area resident, she is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and the

Wayne State University School of Mortuary Science. Stacy joined McCabe after serving an apprenticeship and obtaining her funeral director's license in 1988.

McCabe Funeral Home, Inc. has six licensed directors, a staff grief counselor, a bereavement library and offers a full range of services. It is at 31950 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads.

## Fashions to help women — of all sizes — feel good

Weight Watchers, in cooperation with Crowley's, presents Fall Fashion Focus — a look at fall and winter '90 fashions as seen in the new Weight Watchers Magazine "Fashion Guide." The designer clothes featured are now available in larger Vogue and Butterick patterns.

**LARGE SIZE** fashion has become big business. More than a third of American women are size 14 and larger. From weekend-casual to the office to after-five luxury, large size fashions have been created with flair.

Showtime is 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in Weight Watchers Building, 28555 Orchard Lake Road.

The following tips from the new Weight Watchers Magazine Fashion Guide will flatter a full figure:

The traveling trunk show collection will be accessorized by Crowley's and modeled by Weight Watchers members. "It's important to feel good about your appearance, no matter what size you are," said Florine Mark, area director of Weight Watchers. "I want our members to feel terrific the minute they walk through our door. The Fashion Guide is a wonderful source of information to help women feel good about themselves as they learn to eat healthy and lose weight."

- A slightly looser fit can make you look slimmer, as well as save valuable time by avoiding many fitting adjustments.

- Choose simple, uncluttered garments with clean vertical lines for the most flattering look.

- Shoulder pads balance out your bottom half and make your total look more proportional.

- Choose a garment according to your figure type which will lead to rewards in your appearance, comfort and how you feel when you wear it. Choose what feels best on you.

- Choose fabrics that are soft, but not clingy, such as challis, cotton and polyester blends, lightweight linen, chambray or lightweight wool.

- Avoid garments that have a great deal of shine or surface texture, such as satin, metallics, velvet, tweeds, wide-wale corduroy, fake fur or mohair. They will add bulk to the figure.

- An outfit styled all in one color (even different fabrics) or an outfit styled in colors from the same color family will make you appear slimmer than one in sharply contrasting colors.

"We're delighted to have the opportunity to work with Weight Watchers," said Andy Bursteln, fashion coordinator for Crowley's. "In today's market, there is absolutely no reason that every woman can't look and feel her best."

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