

14 Gardens Inspire Visitors At Mall

By BETTY FRANKEL

Spring may not have put in an appearance in your yard, but it has blossomed forth at Livonia Mall where a garden show is on display.

Fourteen gardens, designed and constructed by area landscape and nursery men, may be viewed free of charge during the regular Mall hours through April 16.

They brighten the Mall area with beds of gay flowers, blooming shrubs, evergreens, and emerald green turf. In addition to enjoying a

preview of springtime, homeowners can get many ideas that may be used in their own yards and gardens.

DO YOU HAVE an unattractive view you'd like to hide? Take a look at the redwood fence forming the background for one of the larger gardens.

Are you thinking of building a deck or a patio? There's a demonstration of a simple construction system for building redwood decks, complete with matching benches.

Most of the gardens include a small patio area. These are surfaced with cut flagstones, irregular flagstones, cement blocks, wood rounds, or other materials.

Retaining walls and raised planting beds are prominently featured. Materials used include R.R. ties, cut stone, field stone, and coral rock.

Beds filled with shrubs, trees and flowers have been designed in various shapes and to complement various styles. Some are free flowing

with graceful, sweeping curves. Others are crisp and geometric.

The beds have been mulched with materials to improve their appearance while conserving moisture and retarding growth of weeds. Mulching materials include smooth white pebbles, granite and marble chips, wood chips, redwood chunks and shredded bark.

THERE IS a garden featuring a putting green sur-

face with artificial bent grass. Another is designed as a special play area for youngsters.

A series of lectures and demonstrations by garden experts has been scheduled throughout the show. These will be presented every day at 3 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 25 - "Unusual plant materials" - presented by Bernard Margolis of Margolis Nursery.

Friday, March 26 - "Pools and ponds" - discussed by

Dan J. Wood of Dan J. Wood Associates.

Saturday, March 27 - "Residential landscape design" - presented by Bernard Willis, president of Twentieth Century Design, Inc.

Monday, March 29 - "Patios and terraces" by Concerro Alberti, landscape architect with Twentieth Century Design, Inc.

Tuesday, March 30 - "Artificial ground covers" - by Mr. Ingram, president of Pyramid Aggregate Co.



PATIO CORNER has pine tree in raised planter. There are lectures every afternoon at the garden show. (Photos by Fran Evert)



THE DELICATE PINK of an azalea nestles against a rough boulder at the Livonia Mall Garden Show.



TEXTURAL CONTRAST—Glossy leaves of Azaleas and rhododendrons make an interesting combination with the fine-textured yews and spruce at the Livonia Mall Garden Show.

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Fylking For Lawn Renovation

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this is easily affected using inexpensive products and rented equipment from your garden center.

Fylking seed is free from weeds and quick to sprout. But no matter how good the seed, it must touch soil in order to grow. So the first

step in lawn renovation should be to scratch out thatch which often shields the soil in an old lawn.

A stout raking in early spring can do wonders for a small lawn, but for larger properties you may want to rent a "power rake" that

tears out the duff with rotating lines or toothed discs. Go deep enough to bite into the soil.

It may be some time before lawns renovated with a Fylking seed blend become dominated by the new grasses.

Arbor Week Set For April 18-24

LANSING Gov. Milliken has proclaimed April 18-24 as Arbor Week in Michigan.

In urging the planting of trees during this week Gov. Milliken points out that aside from the harvest of wood, fruits and beauty, Michigan's more than 90 species of trees serve a vital function in today's increasingly polluted world as they help combat air pollution by removing carbon dioxide from the air and give off oxygen.

Because Michigan's more populated areas are those most in need of trees, it is to our advantage that this natural asset be enlarged and that preservation, conservation and restoration of trees be considered a major step in continuing the benefits of this heritage, the proclamation states.

He suggests that various programs seeking to cope with the environmental crises facing people such as the nurserymen's Green Survival program are to be encouraged.

Michigan's forests covering more than half of Michigan's land area have been the basis for great industries throughout our history and

help make Michigan one of the most beautiful of all states. Celebrating Arbor Week with proper ceremonies and the planting of trees will be a constant reminder of a priceless gift we must preserve for this and future generations, he declared.

AS IN THE past the governor will plant a tree on the state Capitol lawn furnished by the Michigan Association of Nurserymen who as in the past will place a potted evergreen tree on the desk of each legislator.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the nurserymen's association has prepared a special pamphlet giving full information for the observance of Arbor Week. They may be obtained free from the department's Publication Room, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan 48926.

The five regional chapters of M.A.N. at Detroit, Lansing, Saginaw, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids will aid groups with their programs. For information contact M.A.N. Headquarters, P.O. Box 5367, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

Orchids Groomed For Annual Show

Michigan Orchid Society members are in the midst of grooming their orchid plants, building benches, choosing the various trophies and in general, making big plans for their annual Palm Sunday Orchid Show.

This colorful and exotic event will take place Saturday, April 3 from noon to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Norton's Greenhouses, Washenaw Avenue, Ypsilanti and is free to the public.

While not all 20,000 species of orchids will be represented, the show chairman, Miss Aileen Grey, assures every-

one that there will be a good representation of the flowers. Exhibitors from all over Michigan, Ohio and Illinois will be present.

American Orchid Society judges will make this an official event of the orchid world. One judge is Ray McCullough of Livonia, an expert in orchid species who collects his own orchids in Central America and Mexico. Other members in the area are Mr. and Mrs. John Daly, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Caesar and Lloyd Herrington of Farmington, Charles Lum, Mrs. Doris Pryor of Livonia and Mrs. Naomi Mackiewicz of Garden City.



ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW — Growers from all over Michigan will exhibit. These samples are paphiopedilums, cypripediums, or lady slippers depending on whether they are from Burma, Indo-China or the bogs of Michigan.

Rose Society Invites Public To Meeting

The Detroit Rose Society will meet March 25 in the UAW Local 771 Hall, 20426 John R. A potluck dinner at 6 p.m. will precede the meeting at 8 p.m.

The program, "Sound Cultural Practices in Growing Roses," will be in the form of a discussion by the members, some of whom have been raising roses for over 20 years.

The public is invited to attend and take part in the silent auction prior to the meeting.

Topics for discussion will include: Planting bare root and potted roses; winter protection; dormant spray; early feeding; pruning; roses for garden and roses for exhibition.

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