

Rhododendrons focus of book



MARTY FIGLEY

"Rhododendron Portraits," D.M. van Gelderen and J.R.P. van Hooey Smith (Timber Press, \$75), contains 1,144 color photographs of these plants, growing in Europe, the United Kingdom and North America.

he has observed these creatures and describes them in detail. He gives many tips to make butterfly watching successful — when and where to go, and the simple equipment needed. The book encompasses all facets of the sport, from record keeping to growing plants to attract butterflies.

Thinking small

"The Compact Garden," Brian Fawcett (Camden House, \$17.95, paper), is just the book for people with small urban areas in which to garden.

Fawcett has a witty manner of expressing his opinions, sharing his own ideas and those from other people that will make growing many kinds of flowers, herbs, trees, shrubs and vegetables a successful endeavor, without having to spend untold hours tending the garden. He has covered the subject.

Landscape look

Two excellent books that will help greatly in choosing plants for the landscape are published by Stipes Publishing Co., 10-12 Chester, Champagne, Ill. 61820, phone (217) 358-8391.

The first, "Shade Trees for the Central and Northern United States and Canada," Sharon Viesla and Floyd Giles (\$28.90, plus \$2 shipping and handling), contains more than 200 line drawings and more than 80 color illustrations of deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves in the fall).

This reference book will enable the homeowner to find the tree best suited for a particular landscape situation.

The second, "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants: Their Identification, Ornamental Characteristics, Culture, Propagation and Uses," Michael A. Dirr (\$32.90 paper, \$45.90 hardcover, plus shipping and handling), is used extensively in colleges, universities, arboretums, garden centers and nurseries.

Hundreds of plants are described, with both the desirable and undesirable characteristics included. If you're looking for woody landscape plants, take a look at this book.

Dressing up

"The Harrowmuth Salad Garden: A Complete Guide to Growing and Dressing Fresh Vegetables and Greens," Tyndi Fox and Marilyn Simonds Mohr (Camden House, \$19.95, paper), describes the steps necessary for perfect salads, from sowing the seeds, to harvesting the plants at the proper time, to preparing them into delicious recipes in the kitchen.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave a message by dialing 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mail-box number, 1859.



At the show

Quilt collection: Oakland County residents John and Bev Whitson display one of the antique quilts they will offer at the Botsford Inn Antiques Show, noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 6, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the inn, Grand River and Eight Mile in Farmington. Admission is \$2 and entitles the buyer to return an unlimited number of times without additional charge. The event will feature fine antiques at reasonable prices for the collector, or someone furnishing their home or looking for a special gift. The show is the longest running antiques event in the state. This will be the 81st show at the historic inn. Lunch and dinner are available in the inn's dining room. Customers may wander through the ground floor and view the magnificent antiques assembled by Henry Ford during his ownership of the inn during the early 1900s.

Famed fiber artist sets presentation

Internationally recognized fiber artist Sharee Dawn Roberts will present a program on machine embroidery for the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan at a meeting 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the First Methodist Church of Birmingham.

Roberts, who is from Paducah, Ky., has received awards from the American Quilters' Society Fashion Show three consecutive years. Her clothing has been shown in

galleries and exhibitions throughout the United States, Japan and Europe, and she will make a lecture tour of Australia this spring. She is the author of "Creative Machine Art."

County artists in peace exhibition

An eclectic collection of art illustrating war, peace and justice, including works by Nedra Kepetansky of West Bloomfield and Phyllis Ross of Birmingham, is on display through Thursday, March 11, at Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery in Detroit.

The works come from the gallery's permanent collection and "represent a variety of artistic skills with a theme people understand," said Jo Bristab, gallery executive secretary.

The gallery, in Central United Methodist Church, 33 E. Adams, is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. For information or to arrange group tours, call 955-5422 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Admission is free.

Antiques fest events planned

The Community House in Birmingham is presenting its third annual Birmingham Antiques Festival, an antique show to benefit The Community House, Thursday through Saturday, April 1-3.

and chief curator, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, will speak on "An Introduction to Colonial-erasure." Cost is \$30.

- Thursday, April 1, 6 p.m. — Preview Party. Cost is Benefactors, \$50, Friends, \$30.
- Friday, April 2, 8 a.m. — Antiques Lecture and Breakfast. Melvyn Wolf will discuss "History of American Pottery." Cost is \$5.
- Saturday, April 3, 8:30 a.m. — Antiques Lecture and Breakfast. Ted Miller will discuss "Know Your English Furniture." Cost is \$8.

- Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. — Barbara Orbach, author of "Antiques At Home," lectures, followed by Victorian Evening Social.
- Wednesday, March 10, 1:30 p.m. — Orbach repeats her lecture, followed by a Pink Rose Tea. The cost of each lecture is \$20. They will be followed by a book autographing session.
- Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m. — Antiques Lecture and Tea. Interior designer Daniel Clancy will speak on "Decorating With Antiques." Cost is \$8.
- Monday, March 29, 2 p.m. — Collection Tour. Four four private homes in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area to see outstanding collections of antiques. Cost is \$25.
- Tuesday, March 30, noon — Graham S. Hood, vice president

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 3 and noon to 5 p.m. April 4. Admission is \$5.

A Garden Shoppe will be open selling garden statuary and unusual garden accessories. The Bates Street Cafe will also be open serving light luncheons.

All proceeds of the Birmingham Antiques Festival will benefit The Community House, established in 1923, is a not-for-profit, multi-purpose organization that provides educational, social and cultural programs, child care, employment assistance, meeting rooms, banquet and catering services and group travel activities.

Its services are available to people from all over the Detroit metropolitan area. The Community House receives no tax support or United Way financing.

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