

CREATIVE LIVING

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GARDENING



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Have a rosy outlook in garden plans now

August is usually the time to take it easy in the garden, but there are still things that can be done, along with the ever-necessary weeding.

A good time to plan for next year's garden often begins as the summer flowers start to fade and we take stock of what has or hasn't worked.

Once the blooms have completely faded, it's sometimes difficult to imagine how the plant will look in another garden spot. So as you remove spent blooms, make notes about transplanting and other chores that need to be taken care of this fall.

Now and later on this month the annuals will need to be pulled up and put in the compost. It might be fun to try your hand at late-season vegetables in these areas. Transplants of broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower can be put in the garden now for a late fall harvest. Or mulch the area to deter weeds.

As you walk around your property, look for bare spots in the lawn, or weedy patches that need to be reseeded. A light application of Roundup or Klenup will kill the weeds, and then in about two weeks the soil will be ready to receive the new seeds. Be sure to keep the area mulched and moist so that there will be good germination.

Pruning patrol

Examine the trees and make note of pruning that is necessary. Perhaps just opening up the branches and shearing is all that will be necessary.

For small branches, Fiskars has developed a tool that will help tremendously with this project. It is the Wallace Tree Pruner, Model No. 9388. The fiberglass pole telescopes to 12 feet, and there is a special sliding hand grip in the pruner pole that helps provide a firm hold.

I used the tool this spring and especially like the fact that it's lightweight.

Coming up roses

Mid-August is the cutoff date for feeding roses. If you are planning to grow the latest and newest varieties, let your nurseryman know soon just what you want to avoid disappointment.

Three roses have been chosen as 1994 winners by All-America Rose Selections Inc.:

Secret, a hybrid tea that will reach a height of 4 to 4-1/2 feet, grows on upright branches. The semi-glossy foliage is medium green. The 4-1/2-inch blooms are a blended pink color and have a scent of spice and fruit. AARS suggests growing this winner along with lavender and baby's breath.

The Conard-Pyle Co. is the producer. **Caribbean**, a grandiflora, sports 4-inch blooms that are warm orange brushed with sunny yellow. It will grow to 4-1/2 feet tall, especially in warmer climates, in an upright form. The foliage also is semi-glossy and medium green. Bright yellow yarow will set the scene in the garden with this one.

Midas Touch, another hybrid tea, will grow to 6 feet in some climates and stands tall, with semi-glossy, dark green foliage.

These two winners were produced by Jackson & Perkins.



ALL-AMERICA ROSE SELECTIONS

Midas Touch: This hybrid tea rose, chosen as one of the 1994 winners, emits the scent of musk. It stands tall, with semi-glossy, dark green foliage.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMAN

'Transforming Storm': This mixed media work by Christine Hagedorn of Troy won an honorable mention in the seventh annual Celebrate Michigan Artists exhibit at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

Celebration

Michigan artists showcased

Artistic talent in the state is celebrated as works in a variety of media by artists from all over Michigan are shown in Rochester's Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

BY MARY KLEMIG
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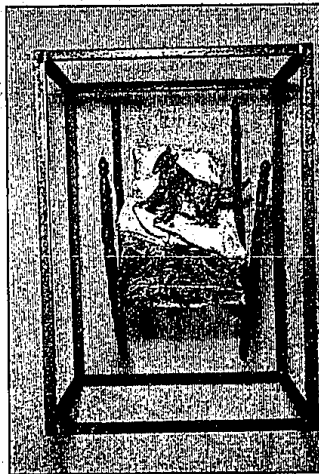
It's a special time to celebrate at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

The center at 407 Pine, two blocks west of Main in downtown Rochester, will showcase its seventh annual Celebrate Michigan Artists exhibition in the second floor Main Gallery, Aug. 13 through Sept. 24. The all-media show opens with a public reception and awards ceremony 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

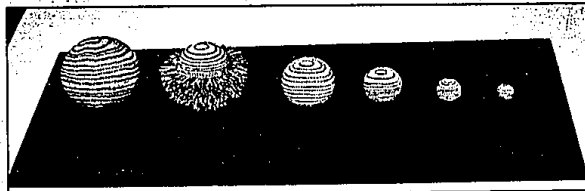
"I'm very pleased with it," said Kathleen English, PCCA exhibition coordinator. "There's a lot of new artists, we've never shown before, a nice cross section."

"I thought it was very talented

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'Sold Split': Sally Kaplan of Birmingham won an honorable mention for this bronze and steel work. The all-media show, juried by George N'Namdi of the G.R. N'Namdi Gallery in Birmingham, opens this week and continues through Sept. 24. It features 64 works by 28 artists.



'Pine Ball': Kyoung Ae Cho of Birmingham combined pine needles and wood for this work, which won an honorable mention.

Musician tunes in requests

BY LOUISE OKRUTSKY
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David Syme plays sleight of hand with a small chunk of music history.

Surrounded by a small mountain of reference material and armed with years of formal music training, Syme plays long-forgotten tunes for listeners of radio talk shows across the country.

Poised in front of the piano in his West Bloomfield home, he recently took requests from listeners in Denver, Colo. Even a request for something called "Petticoats of Portugal" failed to ruffle him.

"What a wonderful concept," he said before reciting the song's opening line. "When breezes blow petticoats of Portugal."

He was busy again proving his musical mettle when the next caller requested "Limehouse Blues." Listeners who hear him coax the old songs from his piano don't always realize that even a Human Jukebox needs to know how to use the occasional crib note.

For "Limehouse Blues" he reached behind him, without looking, selected the "Encyclopedia of Popular Music, Section A," and opened the book to the required page. Combined with his own considerable repertoire, Syme, 44, plays musical sleight of hand with his audiences.

Young talent

It wasn't exactly the musical career he had planned. As a child he taught himself to play TV theme songs by ear. He began formal training at 13. By the time he was 18 years old, he had performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He went on to complete the master's program in piano performance at the Juillard School of Music in New York City.

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Master grower has winning formula

BY MARTY FIGLEY
STAFF WRITER

"First I am an entertainer, and then an educator," said Troy resident Jerry Baker, America's Master Gardener.

"If you go out of your way to make people happy and glad, they'll remember your message. If you make them mad or sad, they'll go out of their way to forget you."

Humor is a handy tool in his communication and he uses it to get a point across.

His home remedies use common household products. For instance, he advises to put five pounds of sugar in a bag of fertilizer, mix it well and put it on the lawn. The sugar begins feeding the bacteria to break down the thatch. Ammonia is also used to speed up the process.

"The secret to the success to a happy, healthy, attractive garden is plenty of fresh air, sunshine and a balanced diet, TLC, soap and water and plenty of prayer."

See BAKER, 6E

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AUTHOR, AUTHOR

Author Faye Kellerman will sign copies of her newest Peter Decker/Rina Lazarus mysteries, "Grievous Sin" and "False Prophet," 7:30-8:30 p.m. today at Bookpeople, in the Orchard Mall at 6399 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Call 851-9160.

SEMINAR SCHEDULED

Fillmore Hartly of Preview will give a complimentary seminar 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at

Art Beat

Gorman's furniture store, 29145 Telegraph in Southfield. Preview's new group of furniture will be on display at Gorman's. Call 353-9880 for more information.

Harty was born and raised in Dearborn and attended the Edison Institute School. He received his design education at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y. After graduation, he worked with the Ford Motor Co. in the Lincoln interior design studio. Since then he has been continuously active as a consultant industrial designer, and devoted the last 17 years exclusively to furniture design.

ARTFUL WEEKEND

Joppich's Bay Street Gallery, in Northport on the Leelanau Peninsula, has scheduled "a casual cultural event" (in the words of owner Edee Joppich, a Farmington Hills artist) noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. Different musicians will perform, including a ragtime band, a chamber music group and a classical guitarist. Many gallery artists plan to attend. Call 616-386-7428 for information.

AT THE FAIR

Rick Burger of Rochester will help Charlevoix celebrate its 36th annual Waterfront Art Fair 10 a.m. to sunset Saturday, Aug. 14, in the waterfront park in the center of the northern Michigan resort community. He will join about 100 other artists to display his watercolors and silkscreen prints.