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Heritage Park called Ellie's Garden, named for Eleanor Spicer, who lived in the house, which is now used as the park's visitor center. The shade garden was designed by the late Betty Frankel, who was a member of the Farmington Garden Club.

Walking up the hill to the garden across from the house, club president Betti Pool pointed to hostas, myrtle, a variety of trees, including the Eastern red bud and other favorites planted in Ellie's Garden.

"In the spring, there's a lot more color," she said, adding that the garden takes on different hues with annuals such as impatiens and begonias.

The garden is a perfect tribute to Spicer, who was a charter member of the club, Blakeney said.

Five decades after Spicer was among the club's pioneers, members continue to take an active part in beautifying community buildings, such as decorating the Farmington Community Center rooms for Christmas and working on the Farmington Historical Museum gardens.

The club has belonged to the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan since 1934 and is the oldest garden club in the area. Members hold a standard flower show and a

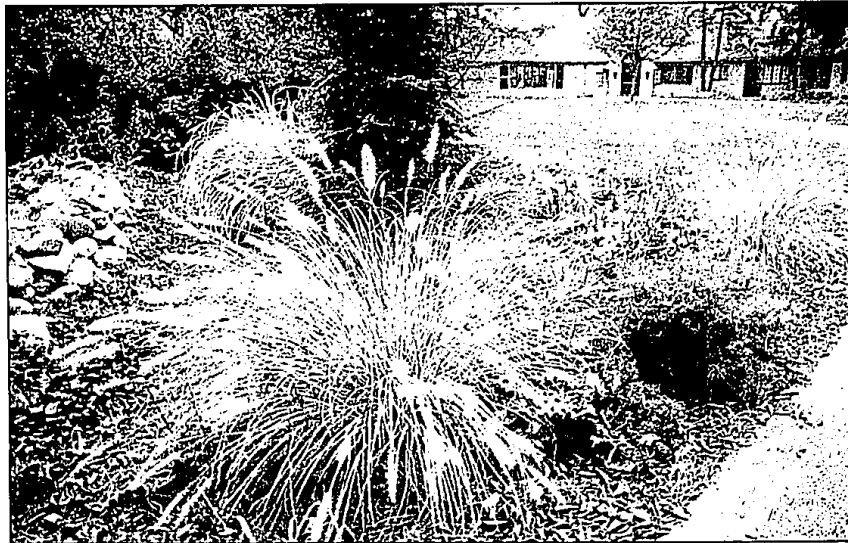
**At the other end of the age spectrum, the club sponsors the garden therapy class for Farmington Hills Inn residents, which includes sessions that focus on crafts made from natural materials. Farmington Hills Inn residents who participate make something, like a wreath, to take back to their rooms.**

garden walk in alternate years.

There's such a variety of programs almost anyone could find something of interest, Pool said. "We're looking for new members all the time," she said.

Tobin chuckled and added "You don't have to graduate from Michigan State with a degree in horticulture to be a member."

The Farmington Garden Club meets at noon the first Monday of the month at the Farmington Community Center.



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Pretty perennials: Farmington Garden Club members planted Ellie's Garden in Heritage Park.

# Cabaret benefits Hospice Services

The Western Wayne Hospice Foundation will present "Friday Night Live — A Gala Cabaret" Friday, Nov. 12, for the benefit of Hospice Services of Western Wayne County Inc.

The gala evening will be at the Holiday Inn, 10 Mile and Grand River, Farmington Hills. It will start with a reception at 7:30 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 8 p.m. There also will be a cash bar and door prizes.

After dinner, comedian Bruce Gerish will serve as master of ceremonies for a fun-filled variety show featuring talented local performers, directed by Pat Hutchinson. Scheduled to appear in the show are Betsy Bronson, Nancy Dulewsky Villeneuve, the Church Hill High School Show Choir and

Schoolcraft College Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

Bronson is a member of the Michigan Opera Theatre's touring company. She has performed lead roles in opera, operetta and musical theater. Bronson has also sung radio jingles and appeared in television commercials and industrial films.

Dulewsky Villeneuve has appeared as a featured soloist with the Livonia Symphony and in performances with the Theatre Guild of Livonia and Michigan Opera Theatre.

According to Western Wayne Hospice Foundation board president Christopher Ziomek, the show are Betsy Bronson, Nancy Dulewsky Villeneuve, the Church Hill High School Show Choir and

hospice organizations. It also will raise money to help Hospice Services expand programs which are offered free to patients and the community.

Hospice Services was established in 1981 to offer compassionate, skilled home care to people facing incurable illness. Hospice offers supportive care, promotes quality of life and provides comfort and emotional healing for the patient and family members.

"We provide services to patients and their families regardless of their ability to pay," said Maureen Butrico, executive director of Hospice Services. "While some costs for medication, nursing and doctor visits are covered by the patient's medical insurance, some costs must be supplied

in other ways. The Western Wayne Hospice Foundation was created to fill the ongoing need to procure funds to meet patient and family needs which are not reimbursable."

With 20 full-time staff members and more than 130 volunteers, Hospice Services provides assistance to patients in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties. It also offers support to the patient's family and maintains contact with family members for 13 months after a patient dies. Services include adult grief relief group meetings, children grief support programs, mailings, telephone calls, visits and memorial services.

# Dolls from page 1H

Dorothy Moss, a Southfield resident, who has been dressing dolls for Goodfellows for the past four years.

"I also did them many years ago as a child in school, and I continued afterward," Moss said. "For some reason I stopped, and I just started again."

"I try to dress them by putting myself in place of a little girl getting a doll," Moss said.

Altogether Moss believes she has dressed more than 200 dolls for Goodfellows.

She brought some of her creations to meetings during show and tell. One thing led to another and four other members of the group decided they wanted to help the needy youngsters, too.

Linda Diaz of West Bloomfield, Sharon Waligora of Canton and Laura L'Esperance of Brighton liked the idea so much they took it on as a project.

Moss struck gold when she got Diaz interested. She spent hours putting together an elaborate wedding gown ensemble, a kilt, a handmade knitted sweater and a designer knit dress to name some of the more outstanding outfits.

"The bride took about 12 hours," Diaz said. "The rest were much easier."

She likes making the doll hats the most.

"That was the most fun of all, because you can be more creative." The dolls were supplied by Goodfellows volunteers Howard and Lill Camden of West Bloomfield.

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