

Walk displays garden palettes

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Eight public and private gardens will be at their best during the Farmington Garden Club's biannual garden walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 22. The theme is "Garden Palette," which will showcase a variety of design techniques using color and shape.

Tickets are available at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, west of Farmington Road and between 10 and 11 Mile, on the day of the event for \$5 (free for children 12 and under).

Tickets are also available in advance at McFarland's Florist, Grand River; The Longacre House, Farmington Road; the Vines Flower & Garden Shop, Grand River; Springbrook Gardens, Powers Road; Schroeter's Flowers & Gifts, Orchard Lake Road; Backyard Birds, Grand River; Farmington Florist, Grand River; and Hearts & Flowers, W. 12 Mile.

Garden related items will be sold at a special boutique and area quilters, artists and weavers will be displaying their crafts, weather permitting. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Jan at (810) 553-0986.



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Gathering Ideas: Many unusual and wonderful ideas can be gleaned on garden visits.

The variety of gardens on this tour will enable visitors to find many ideas to take back into their own landscapes.

Included is an English Cottage garden, a 1995 Farmington Garden Club award-winner containing both shade and sun gardens nestled around a Cape Cod home. Stone pathways lead visitors to a combination of roses, perennials

and annuals that will be in full bloom.

The landscape surrounding a contemporary home features a hillside rock garden that rests among the beautiful perennial and rose gardens. A small grotto allows one to enjoy unusual specimen shrubs while the sound of a brook surrounding the grounds plays its melody. This large garden will surprise

with its multi-tiered acreage.

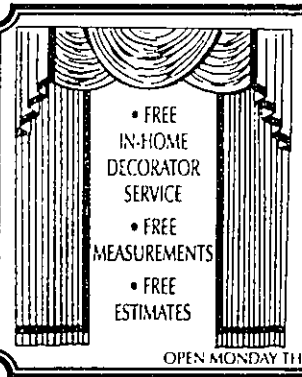
The gardens of a Centennial Farmhouse are sure to please as visitors view the 100-foot hedge of Simplicity Roses, and walk through a rose-covered arbor past a charming gazebo. A small, intimate pond will invite you to pause and rest. Colorful perennials, herbs and shrub gardens are designed in keeping with the rural-like ambience.

If Hostas are to your liking, you won't want to miss the quiet beauty of another of these gardens. Containers filled with annuals add a colorful note on and around the multi-level deck and patio area.

Still another landscape contains a variety of gardens. Bog, vegetable, perennial and rose gardens surround the home and small greenhouse. It is evident that the love of gardening is high on these homeowners' list.

Hybrid experimentation is being done on various types of plants. Blooming potted plants are often placed in various areas of the gardens to enhance the whole. Here you may see the five-foot-tall Moon flowers, and many forms of Asiatic Lily.

The other gardens are sure to be as exciting and interesting as the ones mentioned.



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