

Courses delight photographer, hiker

Fall is a good time to shape and prune trees or shrubs, dig into the garden one last time, or take a refreshing autumn hike.

Regardless of your level of interest, the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens' adult education courses will help get you started. Members of the Friends of the Botanical Gardens receive 10 percent off any adult education class. Call (313) 998-7061 for information.

Courses include:

- **Photography** - 9:30-11 a.m. Saturdays, Oct. 5, 12 and 19, \$35 per person, conducted by David Bay. Learn the history of photography and the evolution of the camera, which will enable a first-time buyer to go into the marketplace for a difficult shooting situation with confidence. Learn the advantages of different types of film exposure and depth of field, plus other useful techniques from this professional photographer. The second class date will be a practical shooting session in the conservatory or outdoors. The last class date will be a viewing of the results of the week's photographing and will be directed by requests and questions generated. Bring your own camera and up to 10 of your best (or most troublesome) slides or prints to the first session.
- **Quaking Quagmires** - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 12 and 19, \$55 per

person, conducted by Anton Reznicek. Floating mats are a highly specialized form of wetland that are little known and poorly understood. Typically thought to be associated with bogs, floating mats can also be associated with sedge meadows, fens and even marshes. In all cases, they are formed by peat accumulating on a matrix of plant roots, usually sedges. They are mostly avoided by botanists because of the risk of getting more than just one's feet wet, but floating mats can harbor a number of very unusual plants. They are also a most interesting adaptation of fluctuating water levels and an important component of wetland succession. Wear tennis shoes, keep wallets and anything else you don't want to get wet out of your pockets and back at the car.

- **Edible Wild Plants** - 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, and 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, conducted by Ellen Elliott Weatherbee. Fall brings wild rice, new crops of greens, plump tubers, delicious pawpaws, frost-sweetened cranberries and handsome mushrooms. The class will attempt to find all and learn about preparing the tasty edible ones. Appropriate for all levels of foraging expertise. The class has been the authoritative source for information on the wild edibles since 1973.
- **Fall Raptors** - 7-8 p.m. Thursday,

Oct. 10, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, \$35 per person, conducted by Michael Kielb. Early October is an exciting time to observe migrating diurnal raptors in southeastern Michigan. Large numbers of Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, Cooper's Hawks and a few Golden Eagles are exiting Canada and passing through Michigan in search of winter feeding grounds. The class will explore the reasons and composition of this migration and visit nearby Erie Metropark to observe the flight.

- **Floodplain Forests** - 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, \$35 per person, conducted by Sylvia Taylor. This is the perfect time of year to learn about the floodplain forests in southeastern Michigan. The evening class session features a discussion on the ecology, natural history and fragile balance of nature with political and economic considerations; the field trip examines plants in a classic old-growth forest that is one of the finest natural areas remaining in the state. Fall color should be at its height, which should emphasize the unusual collection of huge woody plants and unusual shrubs and herbaceous plants.

- **Garden Photography** - 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 10 and 17, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12, \$55 per person, conducted by Steve Nikkila. This class features a double attraction: Take

a beautiful tour of plants in gardens and greenhouses, while learning to capture your own garden on film. Framing the shot, using light and shadow to advantage, correcting for less-than-perfect light or subject matter, and seasonal differences are discussed for both manual and automatic cameras. Shoot film Oct. 12 and develop it for review and critique during the Oct. 17 session.

Antiques show set Oct. 11-12


The 33rd annual Bloomfield Antiques Show will be presented by the Women of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-12, at the church, 1100 Lane Pine in Bloomfield Hills.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 11 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 12. Donation \$4. Call (810) 646-5886 for information.

This year, the show has been expanded to 35 dealers in the church's new Gordon Light Family Life Center. Also featured will be a country kitchen, a country store, a silent auction, dried flowers and a door prize.

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