

at home calendar

Send information about programs, classes, receptions and other events in Wayne and Oakland counties related to the home and garden to: Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009; fax (810) 644-1314.

HOME

• Waterford Crystal chief of design Jim O'Leary will autograph pieces of Waterford crystal for guests in the Collector's Gallery of area Hudson's. Guests will be able to choose from several one-of-a-kind and exclusive pieces. O'Leary will be at Oakland in Troy 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 1 (call (810) 597-2200), Somerset in Troy 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 2 (call (810) 816-4000), and Twelve Oaks in Novi noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3 (call (810) 344-6800).

• Jeanne Everill of Clawson will teach a class on flowers for Mother's Day Wednesday, May 7, at Miniature Makers' Workshop, 4515 N. Woodward in Royal Oak. Call (810) 549-0633.

• The sale of an important collection of museum-quality miniatures will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 2-3, at Miniature Makers' Workshop, 4515 N. Woodward in Royal Oak. Call (810) 549-0633. The 300 dolls and 700 pieces of furniture, handcrafted by artisans on the miniature standard of one inch to the actual foot, are from the estate of an avid local miniaturist. They include porcelains, silver, room settings,

animals, musical instruments, glass and antique furniture reproductions and accessories, and were collected over 30 years.

• The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail Lane in Shelby Township, will have an open house noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Call (810) 739-6319. Learn how to stretch your decorating dollars beautifully in a variety of home decorating classes for the "talent impaired" at the center this month. Call for information.

GARDEN

• The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile. The speaker for the evening will be Marty Figley, noted garden columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Her topic will be "Happy Birthday Flowers." The public may attend.

• The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will present their Spring Perennial Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 3-4, at 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. Admission is free. The sale is a one-stop-shopping experience full of advice from plant experts and more than 30,000 perennials ranging from rock garden plants to wildflowers.

A special Friends presale will take

place 3-7 p.m. Friday, May 2, for those wanting to get first selections and a 10-percent discount; memberships will be available at the door. Take US-23 to the Geddes Road exit, then head east to Dixboro. Call (313) 998-7061.

• Learn how to incorporate herbs and edible flowers in your landscape and spice up more than just your garden at a free seminar 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. Speaker Shelly Buckman has a master's degree in botanical education, is a Michigan certified nurseryman and conducts numerous seminars for retail stores and garden clubs. Space is limited; call (810) 380-8881 early to reserve a seat.

• The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, May 5, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, just south of Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. Speaker Charlene Harris' topic is "Garden Conifers for Today's Gardens." Guest fee is \$3. Call Maryann Whitman at (810) 652-4004 for information.

• The Michigan Forestry and Park Association Inc. presents a workshop, "Building Construction Around Trees," Wednesday, May 7, at Michigan State University. Cost per person is \$35 prepayment (due by Thursday, May 1), \$40 on site. Call the MFPA at (517) 482-5530; e-mail ashby.ann@ednet or call Paul

Swartz at (517) 355-7750 for information.

• Treat Mom to the fresh blush of redbuds and dogwood, the early nod of trillium, Virginia bluebells, bloodroot and spring beauty noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 11, when the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens celebrate Wildflower Day and the peak season of the Helen Smith Woodland Wildflower Garden.

Plan to spend Mother's Day delighting the senses with two tours of the garden noon and 2 p.m., then chat with members of the "Wild Ones," the Wildflower Association of Michigan, the Michigan Botanical Club and Matthaei horticultural staff. The main road to the garden will be open all day to guests who wish to walk or take a tour, and is wheelchair-accessible.

Other festivities for the day include a slide-illustrated lecture, "Our Interesting Michigan Wildflowers," by Herb Wagner 1 p.m. in the auditorium. Sip tea 3 p.m. on the west-end terrace and stop by the Gift Shop, where a special assortment of gifts for Mom will be available. Conclude the day with a newly bought wildflower to take home and plant in your own garden.

The gardens are at 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor, 2-1/2 miles north of the Geddes Road intersection. Call (313) 998-7061.

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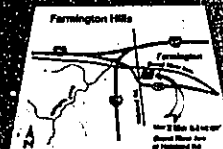
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