

## Garden walk is June 24

The Farmington Garden Club will host a garden walk on Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning at the Spicer House visitor's center in Heritage Park.

The bi-annual walk will showcase six private gardens in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area. This year the theme is "La Tour de Jardin" featuring a variety of sun drenched and shaded properties, such as a National Wildlife Federation backyard wildlife habitat. There's also a

chance to see a two-story completely decorated backyard playhouse.

### Get new ideas

The tour provides a great way to enjoy the day with friends and see new ideas to enhance your garden. Garden related items will be available in the Heritage Park visitor's center, west of Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets will be available the

day of the event at the visitor's center for \$7; free for children 12 and under.

Or tickets can be bought in advance at the Vines Flower and Garden Shop at 30560 Grand River; Schroeter's Flowers at 29216 Orchard Lake Road; Springbrook Gardens at 23814 Power Road; Steinkopf Nursery at 20315 Farmington Road; Farmington Florists at 23340 Farmington Road; and Hearts and Flowers at 33238 Twelve Mile.

## Prom from page B1

Hills Inn.

The hosts and hostesses for the two-hour event, which ran from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., were students primarily from the high school completion program at Farmington Community School and Farmington High. There were also some students from North Farmington and Harrison

high.

They were responsible for setting up the cafeteria, serving punch and cookies to prom-goers, dancing with the seniors, and presenting corsages and boutonnieres to the guests.

There was no charge for the senior attendees. The prom was formerly held at Harrison. This

was the first time it was held at Farmington High.

The Farmington High Jazz Band performed live. Disc jockey Dennis McVittie from Success played music ranging from swing, the big-band sound, and contemporary line dancing.

"I believe it was a success," Gasparotto said.



Dancing away: Above, George Grantham twirls student Julie Kimmel around the dance floor in the Farmington High School cafeteria during the senior prom last Thursday afternoon. Above right, Timmy, 4, and Lucy, 2, the children of volunteer helper Julie Devine of Farmington, enjoy their own spin on the dance floor.

## FYA from page B1

Mason and Susan Robb, both seniors at Mercy; Lindsey Mergener, a junior at Farmington High; Elizabeth Anne Murrenue, a North Farmington sophomore; and Jonathan Read, a Farmington High sophomore.

Seniors Robert Mitchell Salter and Safia Zahoor of North Farmington High; and Grant Weber and Matthew Webb of Farmington High also received recognition.

Farmington Youth Assistance operates with sponsorship of the Oakland County Probate Court,

family division, the Farmington Schools, the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills and with principle funding supplied through the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

FYA is dedicated to the prevention of juvenile delinquency and child neglect. Programs are community based and developed by volunteers.

"We at youth assistance recognize the young men and women who do things to make our community a better place to live," said Joseph Svoke, chairman of

Farmington Youth Assistance. "We do care; we appreciate you and truly thank you for your efforts. You really do make a difference."

Mary Ann Wade, co-chairwoman, noted that the youths recognized performed at least 50 hours of volunteer service in organizations as varied as churches, hospitals, nursing homes, the Jewish Community Center, the YMCA, food banks, Habitat for Humanity and building a community landscape.

## Alzheimer's Association needs help

Alzheimer's Association - Detroit chapter is recruiting volunteers to assist with the In-Home Respite program. This service is open to residents of Oakland County to relieve caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's. The respite is provided by trained volunteers.

Volunteers donate from 4-16 hours per month. They are provided with training prior to placement. They are reimbursed for mileage during the training and for mileage traveled to and from placement sites. Day,

evening, and Saturday hours are available.

Working with a person afflicted with Alzheimer's disease can be a positive experience. In-home volunteers provide companionship and supervision. Call 657-8277 or 800-337-3827.

## Web sites help track nursing home legislation

Lydia Rizzo of the Michigan Campaign for Quality Care, Oakland County chapter, has compiled a list of free web sites on federal and state legislative information. Campaign for Quality Care is a consumer watchdog organization for the nursing home industry.

Project Vote Smart tracks the performance of federal and state leaders: president, governors,

Congress and state legislators on campaign issue positions, performance evaluations, voting records, campaign finances and biographical backgrounds. Its information is more extensive and complete on the federal level but also has much important material on the state level. The organization's sponsorship list includes former presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford.

It's run by volunteer researchers and accepts no corporate support or financial help from PACs or any organization that supports or opposes candidates. The website is [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org); you can also get information by calling 1-888-868-3762.

The Library of Michigan has a compilation of Michigan legislative information from 1997-2000. It includes bill status, text, sponsors, and other legislative facts. It doesn't include voting records. The website is [www.michigan-legislature.org](http://www.michigan-legislature.org).

The National Institute on Money in State Politics is a non-partisan, non-profit, independent source of documentation and research on campaign finance at the state level. It has info on campaign contributors and amounts to individual legislators. The website is [www.followthemoney.org](http://www.followthemoney.org).

"I haven't been able to get the voting records of legislators on the state level," Rizzo said. "I'm waiting for a reply (from state library) and will continue to do research."

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a service group of the museum, has six slide programs available including two on the historic buildings of Detroit, two on people who have contributed to its history, one on fashion and one on antique dolls. Arrangements for a program can be made by calling Mary Ellen Busch at (810) 546-0504 or (517) 382-7841.

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