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## Gardens from page C1

Like most gardeners, Watson deals with varying soil and sun conditions.

"I have a lot of shade in my garden," Watson said, explaining that the area that gets the sun is used for perennials and an herb garden with clusters of lavender, sage, rosemary, parsley, thyme and basil that love the light.

In recent years, Watson added grasses. Her color scheme usually leans toward the blues and whites.

### Garden varieties

In Plymouth, Georgia Randinitis, president of the Trailwood Garden Club, described five homes featured in the walk as varied as the homeowners themselves.

One home will show how to successfully use potted plants to perk up areas.

Container gardening is becoming a new trend that allows gar-

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deners to move the color where it's most needed depending on the perennials in bloom, she said.

"That's getting to be quite a big thing. Often times you have a yard that you can't have a flower bed in. And people are finding that they don't have time to take care of a major garden."

Gardening newcomers often think that once perennials are planted, there's nothing left to do but watch the color show, she said. They don't realize that the dead flowers need to be removed and that older plants need to be divided among a multitude of other upkeep chores.

She laughed a moment and added that there are some exceptions to that rule, such as peonies, which can be left "alone for about 10 years" and still flourish.

Another gardener on the walk is artistic. Her landscape features a free-form garden with a lot of artifacts that she's created, such as painted signs and furniture, as well as whimsical garden art.

Several gardens at St. John's Golf and Conference Center at Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Plymouth will also be on display.

Garden walk participants will learn about composting from

another homeowner.

"She has a lot of knowledge about that for the average homeowner," Randinitis said. Refreshments will be served at one of the homes. Also, coinciding with the garden walk, the Plymouth Arts Center is sponsoring a floral art display by Nancy Walls Smith, a Plymouth artist.

If art feeds the soul, gardens nurture the gardener's nature. Probably the best gardening advice came from Stelmach, with wisdom cultivated from years of working the soil.

"If you get nervous and have high blood pressure, get yourself a garden. But if you're a quarrel person and get mad at the weeds, the garden is probably not for you."

"You've got to like plants. If you don't like plants, nothing will come out of it."

## GARDENING CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in *Gardening Calendar* to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer-News* papers, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 491-7279.

### NURSERY SCHOOL

**ARRANGEMENTS**  
Several workshops, including a hand-tied rose bouquet workshop on Saturday, June 9, are scheduled at Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan in Canton. Reservations are needed for the workshops. Each workshop costs \$10 per person and is nonrefundable. Classes are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Workshops also are scheduled on water plants for Saturday, July 21. Call (734) 397-0800.

### SAGUARO

Saguaro Nursery and Gardens, 470 W. Five Mile, in Whitmore Lake, has scheduled free 45-minute lectures at 1 p.m. Sundays in June. Please come

prepared to walk. On June 10, Gardening in the Shade will be discussed, featuring wonderful woodland plants and how to grow them. Other topics are water gardening, June 17, and Ornamental Grasses and Bamboo for Michigan Gardens, June 24. Call (734) 449-4237 for information.

### GREY LAKES ROSES

Nancy Lindley will discuss history and horticulture in Yesterday's Roses for Today's Garden at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 10 at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow in Belleville. A Rose Propagation Workshop is scheduled for Sunday, June 17. Participants will use a kit to prepare rose cuttings to root at home. (Fee is \$20 for the propagation class. Reservations are requested since space is limited in the greenhouse.) Roses for an Empress: The Life and Rose Garden of Napoleon's Josephine features a slide presentation by Lois Wier of Grand Rapids. Call (734) 461-1230.

### BACK TO CLASS

**MORE GARDENING**  
The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers classes on a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. Weekly classes usually are

scheduled for 9:30 a.m., while evening courses begin at 6:30 p.m. Classes listed here will be taught at the Livonia facility.

Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience: Difficult Sites Part I on wet and dry sites, two Thursdays, starting June 7; Difficult Sites Part II, starting Thursday, June 21. Also, the school plans to host Allan Armitage, well-known gardener, author, instructor and professor of horticulture on Friday and Saturday, June 22-23. He will appear at garden tours in Beverly Hills and Bloomfield Hills. Armitage will appear Sunday, June 24, at the Michigan State University Management Education Center in Troy. Tickets are \$45 per person, \$55 after May 25. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for a brochure and registration on the Armitage visit. For information on spring classes, times and costs or click on [www.michigangardening.com](http://www.michigangardening.com) for class information or for classes at other locations in Detroit, Pontiac and Macomb Township.

annual garden tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23 featuring six landscapes. A Fine Art and Craft Fair will take place the same day at McHattie Park in South Lyon. Mapped tickets are available at Floribunda, 226 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon or at McHattie Park on Pontiac Trail, south of 10 Mile Road. For information, call (248) 437-2484.

### FRANKLIN

The Franklin Garden Walk presented by the Franklin Branch, Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, is Wednesday, June 13. Times are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. The evening hours are new this year. Baked goods and garden crafts will be sold during daytime hours at the Franklin Village Gazebo on the Village Green, on the west side of Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile, behind the police station and next to the Franklin Community Church. A salad buffet lunch will be served 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the church. Lunch tickets are \$8 (limit 200). Garden walk tickets are \$8 presale, \$10 the day of the event. Call (248) 646-5427 or (248) 646-8033.

### SOUTH LYON

The 4 Seasons Garden Club of South Lyon will have its third

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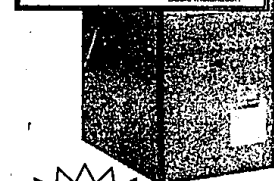
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