

4-H Children's Garden topic of winter lecture

Norm Lownds, curator of the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden at Michigan State University, will present the Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens Winter Lecture 1 p.m. Jan. 20 on this premier garden.

The half-acre garden is considered the prototype of children's gardens for the United States, Canada and Britain. It features 56 theme areas, created to bring wonder, enchantment and delight to everyone.

The lecture is sponsored by the Friends of University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens. It will take place at the UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor.

Admission is \$5 for members, \$15 for the general public. Seating is limited and reservations are strongly suggested; call (734) 998-7061. Refreshments will be served.

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Essentials: An online shop based in Michigan, offers items for the home to create harmony with the 2002 Chinese New Year.

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home with fabric or elbow-grease and sandpaper to prevent peeling. Use warm lighting in southern areas and bold accents rule. Add a chandelier or even more candles to your peaceful altar space.

Ox: Gray and subdued tones

should be replaced by pastel orange. De-clutter to re-grow. Tiger: Bold, color accents, zig-zag natural fiber rugs rule. Wooden wildlife icons in the southeast areas brings prosperity. Examine new window treatments.

Rabbit: Invoke shades of blue, turquoise and aim for bouncy draperies. Keep windows clean. Dragon: De-clutter. Warm colors in the southwest work best for love. Save black, white and gray tones for another day.

Snake: Northeast areas desire bricks, crystals and rocks for money. Amber and saffron tones are best for an early winter love.

Horse: Roll-up the shade, easy accessible window treatments are recommended. — make it easier to see where you want to go in life. Remove heavy metal objects like electronic equipment and stainless steel from the southeast area.

Goat: Don't go overboard with bleach and cleansers. Fairchild says doing Zen and being a clean-freak are very different. Aim for subtle tones. Stone, crystal and terra cotta objects in the southwest improve love.

Monkey: Place a portrait of yourself or loved one in the northeast. Full-spectrum lighting and candles are important.

Rooster: In the northern area of your living room add objects like glass for happiness and luck and remove stone, crystal and rock.

Dog: Blonde dunes, pastel hues support you best in the bed and bathroom. Bright reds and golds will fight in the New Year but will settle down.

Pig: Pay attention to adequate lighting in the home especially in the northwest and western spots in private areas.

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