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### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

MEADOW BROOK HALL GARDEN

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CARLIAND University's Meadow
Brook Hall Garden Club will
meet at 10 a.m. March 22, at
Meadow Brook Hall on the
campus of Oakland University,
Roochester.
Kim Zelinski, facilities operations manager at the historic
hall, will leture and show
slides on the gardens, A rollout
of the 2002 Garden Plan will
be included, \$5 non-member
donation, 2248/970-310.
The club is celebrating its 10t
year. The main focus of the
club is preserving, maintaining, and enhancing the gardens at the hall. Special gardens at the hall. Special garden work days are held once a
month, April through October.
Meetings with guests speakers
are at 10 a.m. on the fourth
Friday of each month in Meadow Brook Hall on the campus
of Oakland University, Garden
tours, plant exchanges and
other appecial events are held
throughout the year. For more
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Detroit Hosta Society meet-ings are held at the Birming-ham Congregational Church, Woodward and Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visi-

Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visi-tors \$3. For more information, contact Monica at (248)474-7484, or Jan at (248)642-1619.

ORCHID SOCIETY

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The Michigan Orchid Society's
50th anniversary show, "The
Palm Sunday Orchid Show," is
Saturday and Sunday, March
23 and 24, at Laurel Park
Place Mall, on the north side
of West Six Mile, between 1275 and Newburgh Road.
There will be orchid displays,
as well as englors selling as well as vendors selling orchids. For more information, contact Kevin Griffin at (734)453-1261.

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MICHIGAN'S HOME AND GARDEN
ANTIQUES MARKET
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noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, and
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### Keep a rosy outlook for bouquets

#### **GARDEN** SPOT



thing's com ing up roses, and this is the Year of the Rose.

Color trends for

this year are lavender roses; "Anna," a

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pink edges; and the very popular white rose, "Eskimo."

"Eskimo."
Two other trends for 2002 are to let the flowers shine in each arrangement by using less greenery, and "tighter" bowls of arrangements – rather Victorian

arrangements – rather Victorian in design.
When a bouquet of roses (or any other flower) is delivered, take it immediately to the kitchen and cut about an info off each stem, at an angle, under water. Use the floral preservative that is included with the bouquet as well as 1 tablespoon of bleach. Use tepid water and change it daily. Ask the florist for extra packets of the floral preservative.

Keep the arrangement away

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Rosy: Roses such as these at Thrifty Florist require a little special care but reward with their beauty.

from drafts and heat, i.e. the top of the television.

Drain the water from the bow carefully to keep the arrangement intact. If floral foam is used it will be necessary to drain it as much as possible before adding more water. Keep the foam wet.

Roses are sometimes afflicted

the foam wet.
Roses are sometimes afflicted with bent heads. This is sometimes the result of mishandling at the farm, or an air bubbe in the stem that impedes the flow of water to the head. Lay these roses in a sink in tepid water for two hours. This may remedy the situation.

Growers are using different fertilizers and pruning techniques to ensure longer shelf life.

life. An innovation that keeps the flowers fresh is a special feature of refrigerator cases, such as those at Thrifty Florist, which does Tiffany's floral arrangements at the Somerset Collec-

which the flowers are set to allow them to continually take up water.

Thrifty Florist vice president David Calcaterra gives a nod to the Dutch Flower Council "who are always innovators for this type of thing to keep flowers in tiptop shape," and recognizes the California flower growers for their ideas.

"Ecuadorian roses are bigger because they're growing closer to the equator and subsequently receive more sun," said Calcaterra, who lectures and gives demonstrations for garden cluss. Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham.

You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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