

DESIGN CALENDAR

Le Decor, 234 Main in Rochester, continues a sale of contemporary and traditional accessories to Monday, July 1. The sale offers 15 percent off all accessories and up to 50 percent off select items. Call (248) 601-9970.

Tours are scheduled now through October at historic Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Free parking is at Christ Church Cranbrook, directly across Lone Pine Road.

Cost is \$10 for tours at 3 p.m. Sundays, and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays. You may include lunch at noon Thursdays for an additional \$15 by making a reservation. The lunch is available only with a \$10 tour.

After touring the house, you may stroll through the surrounding 40 acres of gardens at no extra charge. For \$6, you may visit only the gardens any time from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, or 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Reservations aren't necessary for house tours. For Thursday lunch reservations, group rates, senior and student discounts, private guided garden tours and more information, call (248) 646-3147.

Cranbrook House was the home of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth, who were principal players in the American Arts and Crafts movement in the early 20th century.

Saarienen House on Lone Pine Road, home of the world-famous architect of many of Cranbrook's buildings, is also open to visitors; call toll-free (877) 462-7262 for times, costs and other information.

Beyond Thread, Beyond Fiber, an exhibit by the Needlework & Textile Guild of Michigan, is featured to July 19 at the Oakland County Galleria, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac.

Galleria hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For information, call the Office of Arts, Culture & Film at (248) 858-0415.

The Orson Starr House Museum, 3123 N. Main, one block south of 13 Mile in Royal Oak, has an open house the second Sunday of each month. The house was built in 1845. Donations appreciated. Call (248) 588-7563.

Be 'scent-er' of attention with fragrant garden

If you are a fan of heirloom plants, *Heirloom Flower Gardening* and *Designing with Classic Ornamentals* (Chelsea Green, \$24.95, soft), is another hit by author Jo Ann Gardner.



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She explains that as new plants are developed (not always better), old varieties are tossed aside so over the years many of the old plants are removed from the market.

Now with this book, you can find all the information you'll need to grow them in your own garden. Gardner tells how to grow the plants, save seeds, propagate as well as design a garden for a specific theme (i.e., butterflies).

Her "integrated landscape approach" assures that all elements of the garden work together.

She shares much historical information when describing the hundreds of plants, including 25 never before profiled. Sidebars feature fruits and recipes.

Look no further to find sources for plants, gardens to visit, and plant societies and preservation

organizations. Wow! If you love fragrance is an important part of gardening, *A Garden of Fragrance: Creating Glorious Scented Gardens*, Suzy Bales (Regan Books, an imprint of HarperCollins, \$17.95, soft), is for you.

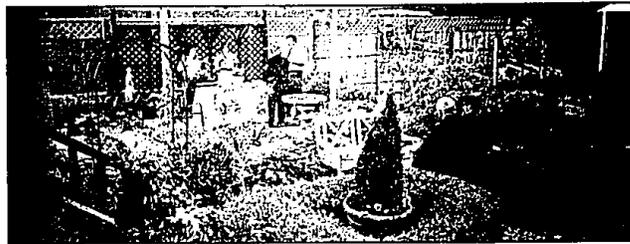
Love the chapter headings—the Como-Closers, Moonlighters, Shaggy Dogs, Rogues, etc. They are so descriptive of what each section is about.

Take time to read and study this book and learn about Bales' personal garden, her thoughts and information about scent and the specific plants that grow well together with their particular fragrances. Lots to learn here and a pure delight.

Roses, Nancy J. Ondra (*A Taylor's Guide*, Houghton Mifflin, \$29), explains how to select and grow roses, including hardy and ever-blooming plants.

Color photographs show many of the roses, followed by the encyclopedic section, which contains 380 of these beauties. Along with the descriptions we learn ideas of how to use each one in the landscape. Another excellent feature is the chart about common rose pests and disease, and how to control them.

This is a completely revised and updated edition. Former fashion designer Carlyne Roehm, who spoke at Golden-Walsh this spring, is the



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Gathering Ideas: Garden ideas can be found in books and when we travel.

author of several books. *At Home with Carlyne Roehm* (Broadway Books, \$20) follows the seasons as she shares her entertaining style. The gorgeous photos only whet the appetite to learn more, try the recipes she shares, the flower arrangements and table settings.

For instance, for a floating picnic, a small dinner for two or a Thanksgiving feast, she often goes to the garden for inspiration and ideas, mixing colors and styles with abandon.

A Passion for Flowers (HarperCollins, \$60) also follows the seasons.

"Nothing lights up a room like flowers, I have always had a pas-

sion for them," Roehm says. From tones of apricot roses and plants growing in clay pots for a meal in the garden, the arrangements seem "right."

On the way Roehm shares many tips such as buying panny plants and cutting them herself. Many recipes for the arrangements are included, as are tips for conditioning the flowers and keeping them fresh.

Also from HarperCollins, Roehm's *Seasonal Notebooks* (\$25 each) focus on each season: *Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter*. All are spiral bound and are meant to be used for your personal observations and comments.

Pockets in the front allow space for your own "keepers."

You'll find her thoughts on flowers and foods, gardening, and entertaining ideas. Sometimes one flower such as the heliobore is featured, another time a recipe is given. The innovative ideas this author shares will inspire us all.

GOODGARDEN TIPS Stake young, herbaceous perennials. Begin to thin out seedlings of any annuals soon directly into the ground.

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.

Take care when watering, feeding plants

BY JAMES AND MOHIBS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Nana Rose loved her carnations. She saw great beauty in all growing things, and kept an enormous garden, filled with stunning shrubs and flowers. But her carnations were her pride and joy—those and her roses.

We brothers often would sit with her out in the back yard on a big steel swing with massively fluffy seat cushions, and she would show us how to use just the right amount of water—not too much, not too little—to keep her flowers lovely.

Our mom would break out in a rash when she stayed in the sun too long. So, she became the houseplant person. When it came

to the plants outside, we learned from Nana Rose. With the houseplants, Mom was the expert.

Watch watering

Did you know that more plants—indoors or out—die from over-watering and over-fertilization than from any other cause? Roots left to soak in a pot of muddy water eventually will rot and cause the plant to suffocate.

What we learned from mom was simple: Don't water a plant every day. The best way to find out if a plant needs water is to use your personal moisture meter—your finger. Stick your finger into the soil near the base of the plant. If the soil is moist about an inch beneath the surface, it doesn't

need water.

Here's another good tip: Never use fresh tap water to give your plants a drink. Fill your watering can, and let it sit for a few days before you use it to water plants. Letting the tap water sit allows it to warm to room temperature and gives chlorine time to dissipate. Cold water can send some plants into hibernation and others into shock.

It is also important to water your plants thoroughly. Remember, the root ball of your plant will grow toward the water. If you water only the top of your pot, the roots will remain near the top and

the root ball won't become large and strong. If you get the soil wet all the way to the bottom of the pot, that's where the plant's roots eventually will go.

It is really important to pot indoor plants in containers that have a hole at the bottom. Drainage is essential to a plant's health.

Feeding

As do humans, plants need food as well as water. Once you have your watering routine down pat, you will need to be sure that your plants are properly fed.

Keep in mind that you should never fertilize a plant that is dry.

Always water first, then fertilize.

Chemical fertilizers can burn, so be careful about how much you use. Fish emulsion is the best. It stinks, but it is very hard to overdo it. Miracle-Gro is another safe fertilizing product when used according to instructions.

It is really important to not fertilize during the winter or when a plant is dormant. Fertilizer can build up in the soil and become quite toxic.

When you first bring home a plant from the nursery, be careful not to fertilize it right away. Most companies use slow-release fertilizer that will last for quite a while.

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