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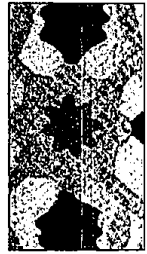
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Accents

Quilt show
 Celebrating the Quilt: An American Legacy, a quilt show sponsored by the Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild, will take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 27-28, at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E.



Huron River Drive, between Huron River Drive and Clark in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$5. Parking is free.

The show will feature new and antique quilts, clothing and fiber art. Raffle tickets for three outstanding bed quilts to benefit Safe House will be sold. Special exhibits will include the Hoffman Fabric Challenge quilt display, a special exhibit called Quilts Expressively Korean, featured in the March issue of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine; Artimals, a group of challenge quilts with animal themes; and Sheer Delights, a challenge wall quilt collection featuring sheer fabrics.

The show will also include more than 40 vendors of fabric, patterns and quilt-related items.

Dog daze
 When it comes to dog toys, big breeds have always had the pick of the litter. Most bones, balls, frisbees and other canine playthings are designed for larger dogs like German shepherds and



Labrador retrievers. But little dogs like to play with toys, too. The Kong Company has come out with the Small Dog Kit, a package containing scaled-down versions of three of the company's most popular "big dog" toys.

Each kit includes a small rubber Kong, which bounces in unpredictable directions; a small Biscuit Ball, designed for holding bone-shaped treats; and a small Air Dog Bone, made of real tennis ball material.

Just the right size for a terrier or Chihuahua, the trifier toys will fit comfortably into the jaws and paws of small breed and puppies. All of the toys were designed not only to be fun, but also to provide healthy exercise and mental stimulation.

The kit retails for \$13.99 to \$15.99 and is available at leading pet supply stores.



Coming up roses



Above, Diane and Tom Schmitt enjoy taking care of their garden full of 220 bushes, which are all different varieties of roses that they grow for exhibition. Diane is the American Rose Society coordinator for the Great Lakes District Year of the Rose-2002 and Tom is a trustee for the Detroit Rose Society. The Schmitts are also consulting rosarians. Inset on top, Diane Schmitt holds a Flaming Beauty rose from her garden.

Roses have special appeal

2002 is Year of the Rose

Susan Ploek, rosarian at Telly's Nursery and Greenhouse in Troy, hesitates to give advice on rose growing unless she has the opportunity to discuss specifics.

"There are so many variables in the type of soil and other growing conditions, as well as the individual gardener's taste and time frame. Some people just want a plant that's relatively effortless, while others are willing to spend any amount of time. More and more people are learning towards organic gardening, but there are still those who don't hesitate to use chemicals."

Two areas on which Ploek will take a strong and decisive stand, however, are water and tolerance - tolerance for Mother Nature.

"It's a common misconception that you shouldn't get rose leaves wet," said Ploek.

"But at Telly's we water

our roses overhead every morning to help control powdery mildew, and I wash my own roses down frequently. Timing is the key - give the leaves time to dry off before they go to bed."

Watering is one of the most important aspects of rose growing, especially if you have well-drained soil. Newly planted bushes should be watered every day. You can use less fertilizer if you provide your plants with plenty of water, and, believe it or not, watering is the best way to control insects and disease.

"The worst thing people can do to their plants is not water enough, especially in extremely hot weather," Ploek said.

If you have clay soil, Ploek recommends that it be modified with peat and



Giggles mini roses are among the flowers in the back yard of Diane Schmitt's Birmingham home.

Everything's Coming Up Roses could be the theme song for 2002.

The U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution proclaiming that this year be designated as the Year of the Rose. In March, Governor John Engler declared 2002 as the Year of the Rose in Michigan.

"The rose is one of the oldest plants in existence, having been cultivated in gardens for over 5,000 years, and is grown in all 50 states," Engler's declaration said.

"The rose has long been a source of inspiration, representing love, friendship, beauty and peace."

"The American Rose Society, and all Michigan rose societies, desire to join with all who love, honor and

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PLEASE SEE YEAR, C4

Designers plan, raise downtown 'dream' garden

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If a picture can paint a thousand words, so can a garden.

Interior Designers Dennis and Dorothy Pazzi designed a downtown Birmingham garden in front of their business at 395 E. Maple and did it "their way."

With the couple's collaborated ideas and Dorothy's garden

"dream of a lifetime" quest, their garden became a meaningful statement.

On the east side of the Pazzis' renovated building exterior, several distinctly cut windows are surrounded by custom limestone planters and stucco wall finish. Ivy is elegantly draped around the planters and complements the windows, which serve as a backdrop, and blends in

with the established garden. "We added the eight windows and then I wanted to have the European surrounding," Dennis said.

"We chose Hondurms Mahogany and those are all custom woodwork designed by us and our firm. We made and installed everything."



Interior design consultant Dorothy Pazzi stands in front of her garden of beauty outlining the architecture of her Birmingham business.

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