

GARDEN CALENDAR

Michigan Orchid Society
The Michigan Orchid Society will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willis in Birmingham. Lynn O'Shaughnessy will speak on natural light photography.

Evening Primrose
The Evening Primrose Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernors, north of Big Beaver Road. Master gardener Susan Nolk will speak on Cacti/Succulents. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Guest fee \$3.

Irrigation Systems
The Michigan Society of Gardening will present a class, Irrigation Systems, Thursday, Jan. 16, at Golden Water Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in

Pontiac, south of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Cost is \$39.50 for registration and other information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

Gardening Series
The Detroit Garden Center will present a three-part series of gardening classes 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 18, 25 and Feb. 1, organized by Janet Macunovich of the Michigan School of Gardening. The classes will take place in the auditorium of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Grafton in Detroit. Cost is \$15 per class or \$40 for all three. To register and for more information, call The Detroit Garden Center at (313) 259-6363 or e-mail detroitgardenctr@yahoo.com. Topics are:

■ Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century Gardener (Jan. 18), a look at new and old challenges gardeners face, presented by local experts in each field

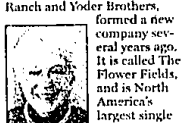
■ Water-wise Landscaping and Rainwater Harvesting (Jan. 25), with Rick Lazzoli

■ 52 Awe-inspiring Landscapes: Tips for Making Your Lawn and Garden Interesting All Year (Feb. 1), with Macunovich, who is an instructor, designer, garden writer and author.

Let's Get the Woods
The Great Lakes Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society will host a conference, Lost in the Woods, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 24-26, in Ann Arbor. The conference is designed as a practical program to enable attendees to bring woodland plants into rock gardens. It will feature presentations, workshops, plant and book sales, and tours. Registration fee is \$200 per person. For more information, contact Susan Roznek at (734) 996-0662 or roznek@umich.edu, or Michael Kaetner at (734) 459-5386 or mkaetner@alum.mit.edu.

Here are some exciting new plants

There are a lot of new and exciting plants for the garden for 2003. Here's just a sampling.



Garden Spot
Marty Figley

Four prestigious companies, Goldsmith Seeds/Goldsmith Ranch, Fischer USA, Paul Ecke Ranch and Yoder Brothers, formed a new company several years ago. It is called The Flower Fields, and is North America's largest single source for blooming garden plants.

This company offers floral breeding stock to commercial greenhouse growers whose high-quality plants are marketed to national retail chains and independent garden centers under The Flower Fields brand.

Gardeners will find a large variety of colors (300 cultivars) of annuals and perennials, spring garden mums and dwarf dahlias.

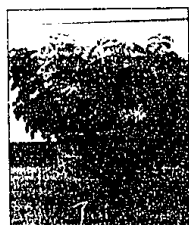
You can identify plants from this source by the hangtag on them. Look for a row of colorful "circles on a stem" icon. It reminds me of a row of lollipops.

Here are some new plants to look for when you shop. Accent Watermelon impatiens has improved color, blooms earlier, is vigorous and goes into the ground or containers.

Ranunculus Neon rose is a trailing petunia and excellent in a sunny spot. It comes in several colors. The Stom Grandiflora petunias also have improved color; there are eight in all.

Stained Glassworks coleus and the Stained Glassworks Kiwi Fern coleus performed beautifully last summer in a large container, which was placed on a partially sunny deck.

They also work well in beds, in borders and as indoor plants. The foliage colors are



The coleus grew beautifully on my deck.

outstanding, and if you plant contrasting colors together the effect is striking.

The cascading ivies are perfect for containers. You might try Bluebird or Cascade. And dwarf dahlias will entice dahlia lovers to find a special niche in the garden for these.

Visit www.theflowerfields.com. Two new and exclusive plant varieties from Monrovia Growers for 2003 have variegated foliage and distinctive flowers, shapes and colors. These will knock your socks off.

The first, the Golden Zebra dailyllie, has stripes in unusual foliage, which develops bright white stripes in the shade; the flowers are large and bloom in the summer. It is a slow grower, so take that into consideration when choosing where to plant it.

The second plant is Nandina Sienna Sunrise, which has intense, fiery red new foliage that cools to a medium green in summer. Red highlights then appear in late summer through winter on this evergreen shrub. Occasionally small white flowers appear, which yield crimson berries that attract birds. It's a slow grower.

Visit www.monrovia.com. Endless Summer Blooms introduces a mop-headed hydrangea that provides repeat blooms on new wood and is hardy to zone 4! The mops

grow to 8 inches in diameter, with pink blooms in alkaline soils and blue blooms in acidic soils. Mature plant size is 3 to 5 feet in width and height.

Endless Summer Blooms.com. David Austin Roses suggests for a 2003 garden the following fragrant English roses:

The Mayflower is a medium pink with a darker center. Benjamin Britten shines with orange blooms.

Alnwick Castle is a lavender pink with a deeper center. Blooms are cup shaped. Another lavender, this time with a golden center, is Corviale.

Comtes De Champagne is a rich yellow that turns pale yellow.

And finally, Crown Princess Margareta can be planted as an arching shrub or a climber. The flowers are apricot-orange.

E-mail US@david-austin-roses.com.

Proven Winners is another supplier that has beautiful plants, such as Nemesis Safari Plum, Calibrachoa Superbells in red or pink, Bergenia Tubby Andrews (Fig Squeak - rub the leaves with thumb and forefinger), Weigela Midnight Wine, and Diancia Flying Colors Series, Coral, Apricot, Trailing.

E-mail igardias@getit.com. Two beauties are All-American Daylily winners for 2003.

Frankly Scarlet, a vibrant red, and Plum Perfect, a deep, luscious purple, both received their awards in the landscape category.

This title is granted only to those rare daylily varieties that have shown superior performance across at least five USDA hardiness zones.

Fax (816) 443-2849. This is just a drop in the bucket of new 2003 plants. I hope you have a grand time choosing which ones you will add to your garden.

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.

HOME CALENDAR

Redstone auction
The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will auction the Ruth and Louis Redstone collection of pre-Columbian and ethnographic art, Amish and Iranian ceramics, and art pottery 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, from other estates and private collections will also be featured. Call (248) 332-1500 for more information.

Antiques show
The 14th annual St. James' Antiques Show will take place Friday-Saturday, Jan. 17-18, at St. James' Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple in Birmingham. The show will feature 26 dealers from Michigan, Florida and Ohio providing expertise in a wide range of items including New England furniture, lace, linens, 20th century American paintings, antique and estate jewelry, rare and unusual maps, oriental carpets, clocks and Meissen porcelain. Proceeds from the event will support St. James' Outreach programs. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$6 and can be bought at the door.

A gala preview party is scheduled 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday. Tickets are \$40 and include wine, hors d'oeuvres and a first look at this year's array of antiques. Complimentary valet parking will be available. For ticket information, call the church office at (248) 644-0820.

Activity sheet
Children at all Art Van Furniture locations will receive a fun-filled winter activity sheet, while supplies last, now through Sunday, Jan. 19.

Also available at all Art Van stores through Jan. 19, while supplies last, are coupons for \$3 off the ticket price for the Feb. 7 (7 p.m.) performance of Sesame Street Live at the Fox Theatre. The coupons are redeemable at the box office or any Ticketmaster outlet.

Home Improvement show
Now Home Improvement Show opens through Jan. 19, while supplies last, a look at new and old challenges gardeners face, presented by local experts in each field

The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling. The instructor, a licensed builder, will explain the many facets of the project, including planning, meeting building codes, insurance, permits, estimating materials, the basics of home construction, working with subcontractors, finishing techniques, and tying into existing plumbing, electrical and heating systems. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 38 schools in Michigan. For a free brochure and a current schedule of class locations, call (800) 940-2014.

Ecological gardening
Native Plants and Local Ecosystems in Southeast Oakland County will be discussed 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 27, at the Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver. Presenter is David Mindell, a native plant consultant.

This presentation is the first lecture in the Ecological Gardening for the Rouge River short course sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority. For more information e-mail LFD@deanajoi.com or call (248) 288-5150.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Jan. 31, to Walled Lake Community Education. To register, call (248) 956-5000 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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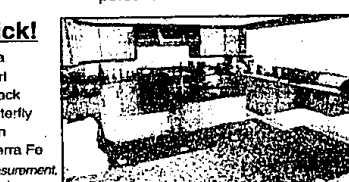
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