

Flower Show Winners Announced

Mrs. Harold Welch, chairman of the flower show held recently by the Farmington Garden Club, has announced that Mrs. Walter Dolan was awarded the "Tricolor" ribbon for her arrangement of flame colored gladioli that was judged the outstanding artistic arrangement in the show. Mrs. Dolan also was awarded blue ribbons for two other arrangements she had entered.

Mrs. Patrick Lind received the "arboreal award" for a branch of silver-leaf evergreen barberry that she had entered in the horticultural division of the show. This is a new award being given by the Federated Garden Clubs of America. Mrs. Lind also received an award for a branch of Eucalyptus with white edged leaves.



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Area Open Houses Mark 'Debut '72'

The first nationwide program to introduce new designs, materials, colors, trends and ideas in home decorating begins Sept. 26 under the title of Debut '72. Sponsored by the national Home Furnishings Council, it will run through Oct. 9, with participation by 155 furniture and home furnishing stores in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Those in Observerland include Art Van Furniture of Livonia and Southfield, Beckwith-Evans Carpets of Livonia, Crowley's of Livonia, Englander-Triangle, Northland and Westland, Federals in Farmington, Livonia and Southfield, Gorman's Gallery in Southfield, Hallmark Furniture in Livonia and the House of Maple in Livonia.

Others are the J.L. Hudson Co. in Northland and Westland, Jimmie's Rustics in Livonia, Montgomery-Ward in Livonia and Southfield, Ray Interiors of Farmington, Robinson Furniture Co. at Wonderland and Northland and Van Furniture and Upholstering in Livonia.

Most of the sponsoring stores are holding open house from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, to kick off Debut '72.

VISITORS to the open houses will be able to register in a contest that includes prizes like a trip to Mexico, a maid for a month supplied by a domestic service firm, a \$20,000 vacation home and \$100,000 worth of home furnishings.

The sponsoring council is the overall planning and coordinating agency for the home furnishings industry and includes several separate associations.

Marvin Danto, chairman of the board of Englander-Triangle and Detroit area chairman for Debut '72, said the project offered an opportunity "to combine the great reservoir of creative talents of all Detroit area retailers for the mutual benefit of the retailer and the consumer."

He added: "For our industry, Debut '72 should be the beginning of a new era of greater concern by the retailer for the consumer and an era when people will be inspired to take more pride in the home."

In the last 40 years, the rate of accidental fires has nearly doubled, according to the National Safety Council.

Wayne Jones says:

Johann Strauss is a tulip! Pick this pure white dappled carmine Dutch tulip named after the King of the Waltz! Or choose from a medley of other gorgeous Dutch tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses for spring. But plant now! They're going for a song.



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Suburban Gardener

Little Bulbs Bloom Early Next Spring

By BETTY FRANKEL.

This is the season for the gardener to enjoy the blazing sun, the golden fields of goldenrod and the country roadsides foaming with white and lavender asters.

It's a time to enjoy September's glories - but to "think spring" and plant some little bulbs for bloom next March and April.

The jaunty little flowers produced by the early spring bulbs are rather like bikini bathing suits. They are colorful and charming and much of their winsome appeal is due to their tiny size. There are about a dozen different kinds from which to choose. Or better still, plant some of each kind for a succession of bloom.

The snowdrops (Galanthus) are the real harbingers of spring. They come into bloom while there is still snow on the ground. These dainty little plants with nodding white flowers are only three or four inches high. A patch by the front door or where they can be seen from a window tell us that Spring is on the way. They can be planted under shrubs or at the base of trees or even in the lawn. They reappear year after year, demanding no attention.

Winter aconite (Eranthis) vie with the snowdrops for first blooms. They have buttercup yellow blooms on short stems with a ruff of green leaves just below each cheerful blossom. Late snows don't daunt them. When the snow melts away the flowers are as gay as ever. They thrive in either sun or shade and seed themselves so clumps spread and increase in size. They are charming on a bank, in front of evergreens or in a wooded area.

NEXT COME the small species crocus. These bloom quite a while before the large Dutch hybrid crocuses come into bloom. Colors include deep purple, lavender-blue and golden yellow. They can be tucked into all sorts of places, wherever there is a little spot that catches the early spring sunshine. A few of these bulbs will spread in a few years to form a whole colony.

The Dutch hybrid crocus is known and loved by all. To many they are the true heralds of spring. When they spread their cups of gold or purple in the March sun, spring has really arrived.

Anemones are exotic flowers with brilliant red, white or purple blooms and attractive lacy foliage. Although these are thought of as florists flowers there are varieties that are hardy in this area and can add an unusual touch to the garden in April. There are numerous little bulbs that produce blue flowers. Glory of the Snow (Chionodoxa) has upturned blue flowers marked with a white star shape. They bloom in late March and April.

GRAPE hyacinths (Muscari) have spikes of rounded blossoms that bear only a slight resemblance to a bunch of grapes. They come in beautiful intense shades of blue ranging from bright azure to deep cobalt blue.

Muscari azureum blooms with the early species crocuses. Muscari botryoides blooms with the late crocuses. Muscari armeniacum blooms with the daffodils and Muscari plumosum, which has feathery blooms of violet flowers, blooms in May with the tulips.

The bluebells or scilla have a wide range of bloom, too. The blue squills (Scilla sibirica) is earliest to flower. Its tiny bright blue flowers open with the crocuses on six-inch stems.

The wood hyacinth or Scotch bluebell (called either Scilla hispanica or Scilla campanulata) blooms in early May on stems a foot high. They are good for naturalizing or planting in clumps along a garden path. They combine

well with early tulips and are good for cutting for bouquets. They are available in pink and white as well as blue.

The beloved English bluebells (Scilla non-scripta) is even taller and more robust. Plant them in clumps or drifts and not in a thin line.

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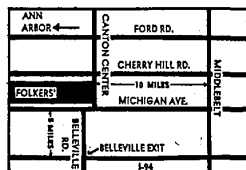
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