



ORIENTAL DESIGNS are described by Van Askounes.

Ikebana workshop coming to center

"Two or three stalks of foliage thrust into a vase do not a Japanese flower arrangement make," says Van Askounes, who will describe the proper way to construct these graceful oriental designs at three Farmington Community Center workshops May 10, 17, and 24 at 9:30 a.m.

"Ikebana means to make flowers

come alive," explained Mrs. Askounes who has spent 15 years studying the art form. She is a founder and past president of Detroit's chapter of Ikebana International.

Mrs. Askounes has studied at four schools, Ikensho, the first and oldest in Japan; Eshu, another classical institution; Ohara and Sogetsu. The latter is a modern institution and her favorite in which she has acquired the most credits.

"People are fooled by the utter simplicity of these floral arrangements," she said. "Even before they are used, branches or foliage must sometimes be pruned and shaped to achieve a desired effect."

"The asymmetrical triangle on which most Japanese arrangements are based represent heaven, man, and earth," Mrs. Askounes said, "so each selection has meaning, and the finished product is often considered a work of art."

There is such a wealth of information on this subject that it will take at least the three sessions to share some of her hard-earned knowledge with the Farmington workshop.

One bonus feature of the Friday meetings will be spectacular floral arrangements to display in the home during the ensuing week-end.

Farmington city council will meet

FARMINGTON — If all goes well, there may be some new sidewalks in Farmington soon.

According to Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman, the city council will act Monday on a proposed sidewalk repair program.

Every year the city tries to single out a different segment of the community for sidewalk repair.

This year, Deadman said, the Farmington Rd-Grand River Avenue area will get the repairs, if approved by the council.

The council is also scheduled to hear budget requests from two Farmington youth groups. Both the Farmington Area Advisory Committee (FAAC) and Farmington Youth Guidance will request funds from the city for the 1974-75 fiscal year, Deadman said.

FAAC was recently funded by the Farmington Hills City Council.

Other matters to be considered by the council include setting a public hearing date for this year's city budget. Deadman said the hearing will probably be set for May 16.

Tots invited to Maypole dance

Open house for Art Start, the nursery school in University Hills Christian Reform Church, will be centered around a Maypole dance.

The event will take place in the church, on Farmington Rd., between 11 and 12 Mile, on Tuesday, May 21, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The open house begins full registration for children from three and one-half to six years of age.

Spiritual singers, jazz musicians, a barbershop quartet and a puppet show will be included in the morning's activities.

the board preferred June 10 as the date for the millage election, along with the regular school election.

A determination of how much millage to ask for hinges on two budgets the administration has submitted to the board.

The "A" budget requires three new mills.

The "B" budget requires four new mills.

Mrs. Lillian Allen, school board

member said, "I have heard the larger millage request referred to as an enrichment. This is not the case."

"If we approve the 'A' budget things will stay exactly as they are. If we approve 'B' we will be able to make repairs of leaking roofs and other things we have had no funds for the past six years."

Other items on the agenda include the adoption of a policy on school sponsored trips; consideration of

Farmington Youth Assistance; and use of the William Grace Elementary School.

The board will be asked to consider providing better flooring for the Warner Jr. High Locker Room as the present painted concrete one is proving inadequate.

Also to be considered is the re-roofing of both Farmington Jr. High School and Wooddale Elementary.



Mrs. June Rady, Mrs. Charlene Slabey and Mrs. Hope Nahstoll look over the play script (Evert photo)

Historical musical is holding tryouts

FARMINGTON—Tryouts for the Farmington Community Center's musical "The Power of It All," celebrating the Farmington sesquicentennial, are being held May 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the Farmington Players barn.

The tryouts will be for 32 speaking roles plus dancing and singing groups. "Anyone may try out," said the play sponsors. Also, they are looking for juvenile parts, for third, fourth and fifth graders.

The play was written by Mrs. June Rady, with music by Mrs. Charlene Slabey.

The historical musical will be presented in July with assistance from the Farmington Players.

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