

FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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"GROW A GARDEN FOR YOUR BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT"

It's SPRING!! At this time last month it was hard to imagine, but here it is.

Recently I watched a TV tour of the relatively new Maine Botanical Gardens. They are beautiful and inspiring and someday I hope to wander through them. One very special area that is a work-in-progress is the Five Senses Garden. There are parts that emphasize Sight-not just color, but shape, texture, height and depth. Others highlight Smell-flagrant flowers, pungent conifers and tangy herbs. Yet another, Sound-bird songs, insects bugging rustling leaves, whispering grasses and the sounds of water. Of course there are Tastes of vegetables, fruits herbs, and even some flowers. Finally, Touch-just think of the softness of Dusty Miller, the prickle of holly, pine and thistle or the smoothness of magnolia leaf. Using these ideas could help to create your own paradise, if only in your imagination.

Thinking of our senses brings to mind our April and May programs. In April Mary Krzeckowski of the Taylor Garden Club will talk about their Downriver Area butterfly-friendly zone and what we can do to attract "flying flowers."

The speaker for our May meeting is Colleen French of French Garden Creations. She will be showing us how to use herbs to make hair conditioners, lotions and more. We will need to know how many people will be attending so that she will have enough handouts, creams, herbs, etc. Colleen would also like to know how many of us would like to have lotions made especially for us. The charge for the lotion is two dollars. Please call Joann Jenkins at 248 474-0866 by April 21 to let her know if you will be attending and if you would like a custom-made lotion. Of course no one will be turned away, but Colleen would like to accommodate every one.

The April Hostess Committee Chair is Martha Mulkoff and the May Chair is Betty Bock. At the April meeting Jan Dolan will give her final Design Lesson for the season followed in May by members sharing their own arrangements using the principles we have learned from Jan.

Don't forget to pay your Club dues of \$25. There is still time to sign up for the District I Spring Meeting Of April 28. Thursday April 9, the first Holiday Tables Meeting will be held at 10 A.M. at Spicer House. Diane and Rita encourage everyone to participate. The Flower Show Course III is in Livonia May 7-9. There is a Board Meeting Monday April 6 at 10:45.

The April meeting will be another Seat-by-Number event. So be sure to draw a table number when you come in. I am looking forward to seeing you.

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Hostess Committees

April

Martha Mullkoff chair – Dianne Szabla and Michele Spillane

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May

Betty Bock chair – Eleanor DiGirolamo and Adrienne Goldbaum

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Flower Show School – May 7-9

This is a great opportunity to learn more about flower arranging even if you have no intention of ever becoming a flower show judge. It will be held in Ann Arbor with National Flower Show Instructor Jean Moran teaching the artistic design section. Details at the April garden club meeting.

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**Garden Club Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2009
10:45 am – Board Meeting
12:00 General Meeting
Visitors Center, Heritage Park**

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