

FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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“GROW A GARDEN FOR YOUR

BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT”

Dear Members...

It's here!! Spring has arrived and welcomed by all. Although it has not been as severe a winter as past years, I know I really enjoy when the first crocus show their bright colors and the daffodils are ready to burst into bloom. Just not sure how several sons appreciate that they experienced a colder, snowier winter in New York City and near Philadelphia than we did here in Michigan.

This will be a busy month for us. The District 1 Spring meeting is Thursday, April 15, at Vladimir's Restaurant on Grand River in Farmington Hills.

The Festival of the Arts runs from Friday, April 22 to 24 at the Costick Center. We will have a display sharing with the public what we do and have done within the Farmington community.

Wednesday April 28 is the date for "Party Flowers" lecture and demonstration by Els Teunissen, a renowned Dutch Floral Designer. Sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts' Fiends of Art & Flowers. \$25 For lecture/demonstration only -\$50 for lecture/demonstration and luncheon. Call 313-833-4025 or email tburns@dia.org for reservation. Tickets will be held at the door -doors open at 10 a.m.

Rubber Duck Race - Sunday, July 18 at Shiawassee Park. \$5 Tickets will again be available for sale by club members. The Garden Club earns \$2.50 for every ticket sold for \$5 if we sell a minimum of 25 tickets. The winning duck owner receives \$50 worth of food every week for a year from Busch's Grocery Store.

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Monday April 5 "ALL ABOUT ANNUALS,

Nancy Fedon Certified Master Gardener and instructor at Schoolcraft and Henry Ford College.

Hostess Committee: Mary Lou Seaman, Joan Barber and Ann Whitworth

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*Monday, May 3 "ALL ABOUT DAHLIAS"

Dr. James Neubacher will show us slides, plant and printed material.

Hostess Committee: Adrienne Goldbaum, Eleanor DeGirolamo and Betty Bock

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Horticulture tips

To minimize watering containers add water-absorbing crystals to the soil.

To highlight a flower or colorful leaf use a pot or garden ornament in a complementary color

The following is a letter from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation

February 23, 2010

Dear Jan;

On behalf of the Foundation – and all our guests - I would like to thank you and the members of the Farmington Garden Club for your lovely decorations at the Gala.

I must admit that I was having some trouble imagining the showroom transformed into an elegant dining area. But it happened, and your flower arrangements contributed so much to the atmosphere.

Our thanks to you and your talented assistants (from one who just plunks the flowers in a vase).

Sincerely,

Barbara G. Yuhas, Executive Director.

Talented assistants; Betti Pool, Betty Beausoleil, Mary Lou Seaman and Joanne Jenkins

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Farmington Garden Club
22587 Gill Road
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Board Meeting - 11 am
General Meeting -12 noon
Visitors Center, Heritage Park
Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Our president, Chris Britts, asked me to write the April-May newsletter for her. Her husband, Al, has been in the hospital the past couple of weeks and she is spending time with him. I am happy to take this task for her and I know this comes from every member, that we wish Al a full and speedy recovery. He is at Botsford Continuing Care, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hill, 48336. Cards are always an upper.

April 5 is the date of our next board meeting and general meeting. The board meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. and the regular meeting will begin at approximately 12:30, after our social time. Joann Jenkins, our First Vice President will conduct the meetings.

The District One Spring Meeting is being held at Vladimir's on Grand River, April 15. The money for the ticket should have been in by April 1, but if you call Barb Dermody within the next couple days, you could still go and pay then. They are always fun and interesting.

The Festival of Arts will be held April 23-25. The theme is "Hats off to the Arts". A meeting date for the planning will be decided at our April meeting.

The 2010-2011 slate of officers will be presented at the board meeting and the general meeting. It will be voted on in May, and our new board will be sworn in at the President's Tea.

Our yearly dues of \$25 are due. Please give the dues to Barb Dermody.

Our April speaker will be Nancy Fedon a certified Master Gardener and instructor at Schoolcraft and Henry Ford Colleges. She will talk "All About Annuals". Great timing.

The Hostess Committee for April are Mary Lou Seaman, Joan Barber and Ann Whitworth.

The Hostess Committee for May will be Adrienne Goldbaum, Eleanor Di Girolamo and Betty Bock.

Our next meeting for the 2010 Garden Walk is on May 17 at the Spicer House. Anyone interested in attending that was not at the first meeting is encouraged to come to this one. Everyone will be expected to take on a job or two the day of the event. Come and be in on the planning stages.

The Governor Warner Museum is in need of Hostas for three of their gardens. If you have a few that need dividing and are unable to do so, or just would like to take some out of your garden, Ken, my husband, said he would dig them up. I need quite a few. It is best if we dig them up as soon as they show, then they will look nice this summer. Any will be appreciated. Please call me when you see the buds start coming up. Thank you. Betti Pool, 248-442-2742.

Betti Pool

Recording Secretary