

Organic gardening theme of meeting

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"No commercial fertilizer; no chemical pesticides; no chemical herbicides, but continuous soil improvement; greater yields; finer products."

These were two sides of Organic Gardening emphasized by the speakers at the March meeting of the Thornhill and District Horticultural Society.

Many ideas on how to use kitchen and garden wastes, leaves, straw, mulches, etc.; to improve and enrich the soil, were suggested, as well as several methods of controlling insects and other pests without using chemical pesticides.

From the interest shown there will no doubt, be several members trying out organic gardening this year.

The recently held flower show was possibly close to a record for March in color, variety and quality. There were 63 entries from 19 exhibitors, several of whom were entering a show for the first time, and very successfully.

The Society offers them a warm welcome.

125 voice choir

A 125-voice choir will present a special program of Easter music in Thornhill next Sunday.

The choir, representing all the major denominations, will present an Ecumenical Easter Choral Service Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Thornhill United Church.

The singers will tackle the Hallelujah Chorus by Handel. Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring is also on the program and other Easter music. Two students from Thornhill Secondary School will provide the fanfare on the trumpets.

The service is sponsored by the Thornhill ministerial association. Choirs taking part are from St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic, St. Lukes Roman Catholic, Christ the King Lutheran, Thornhill Baptist, Thornhill Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Anglican churches, as well as Thornhill United.

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In the specimen section the Best in Show Award went to Marion Jarvie for a fine Streptocarpus in bloom. In the decorative classes, whose general theme was "The Immortal Bard", the equivalent award went to Barbara Wade for her interpretation of "The Tempest".

In the junior decorative section, a first was awarded to Lisa Tschipper for a design on the theme "All's Well That Ends Well".

Inside Thornhill

MOVIE
The Administration Committee of Thornhill United Church, Dudley Avenue, has taken the bell from the old United Church on Centre Street out of storage and would like to see it mounted on an attractive permanent base in front of the church.

The bell has been in

storage for 21 years, weighs about 300 pounds, and parishioners are being asked to share the expenditure for the mounting of the bell.

Two events planned for men of the Thornhill United Church in the near future are the Men's Breakfast on April 9th at 8 a.m. in the church auditorium with speaker

George Anderson and the United Church Men's Conference June 9-11 (men only) and 16-18 (wives invited) at the Delawana Inn with speaker Rev. Maurice Boyd, London, Ont.

FASHIONS

On Wednesday evening, April 5, the Catholic Women's League of St. Pascal Baylon Roman Catholic Church, are presenting Spring Fashions by Silhouette for ladies of all ages.

The locale is the Parish

Hall at 92 Steeles Avenue. There will be boutique items for sale as well as door prizes and refreshments will be provided. If further information is needed, or for tickets at \$2 each, please call 225-5798.

LETTERS

A decorative lettering course is being offered at the Thornhill Community Centre beginning on April 4. For three consecutive Tuesday evenings the course will continue. The dates are April 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Conducting the course

will be Helen Gleeson introducing a variety of lettering forms such as Irish, Gothic and Italic; providing the student with an option to choose and develop a style that could be used for making his or her own Christmas cards, mottos, gifts, poems, family trees and bookplates. The historical development of various scripts will also be investigated.

Helen Gleeson is a fine arts graduate who has practised decorative lettering on a free lance

basis for many years.

BETA SIGMA

Susan Castle heads the new executive of the Thornhill branch of Beta Sigma Sorority with Carol Withers as vice-president. Frances Atlas is the secretary and Deanna Harvey will be treasurer.

The new slate of officers was ushered in at last week's meeting when a social committee was also formed consisting of Sue Baker, Norah Gross, Flo Hinde and Lorna Hoffman. Program and

publicity will be the special charge of Cheryl Nailer and Anna Kwon. Ways and means committee will have as members Ritta Juola and Anna Kwon.

The successful Skating Party for members and children at the Thornhill Community Centre was reported upon and a date set for the Founders Day Dinner, April 26, at the Thornhill Golf and Country Club.

Frances Atlas was hostess for the sorority meeting at her home.



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