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POINTS OF INTEREST:

Our next Quarterly Meeting is being hosted by Farmington Hills, Dec. 3, at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, 48336. See you there!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan

The Amazing Eastern Market of Detroit

Detroit's Eastern Market was established in 1891. It was originally located in Cadillac Square, and was devoted to hay and wood sales. It was moved to the current site one mile northeast of Detroit. Additional sales sheds were added in 1922 and 1929. After World War II, the market became an important hub for the wholesale food industry. The current site is 43 acres. It's the largest historic market district in the United States and was added to the National Registry of historic places in 1978. It is home to over 250 businesses and vendors operating in the market district. This bustling commercial and cultural landmark and hotspot provides the freshest in local produce, nursery plants, and foods. It is the home to some of the oldest specialty food and dining businesses, and the largest open air flower bed market in the United States. The market is a fabulous spot for a special event venue. There are simply amazing and creative murals, raising the cultural level and interest of the site to new heights. The all-season market features all holidays in a special way. The colors are a feast for the eye, and the scents in the air let you know you are in for a special day of unique shopping. There is truly something for everyone.



There is so much activity happening at Eastern Market, it's hard to know where to begin! There is a great Sunday, Tuesday, and Holiday market offering specialties of the season. There are buskers throughout the market for your musical and artistic entertainment, and special tours you can book to show you all the features of the new and revitalized sheds. There are tailgating parties for Lions games, and food trucks offering even more edible options. The market has an event calendar offering concerts and classes from yoga to nutrition and food safety. They can even accommodate rentable space for your venue.



A special program called Farm Stand has existed since 2009, and provides pop-up market trucks in the Detroit community allowing access and selection of fresh produce right in their neighborhoods and schools. Grants are available for new business start-ups at Eastern Market. There is a great wholesale market open to businesses and consumers willing to buy in bulk. Three 30' x 96' solar passive greenhouses were established by the Greening of Detroit growing produce from seed for the community and for selling at the market. Wow! So much to do, see, learn, and shop for at the Eastern Market! Check out their website at www.easternmarket.com. Plan your experience! (Cont. on page 4)

Message from the President— by James Keehn

It's time for a change! The summer has ended, fall is here and my term as President is coming to a close. As I reflect on my time in office, I am proud of representing BCSEM over the past two years. We have made positive inroads with our community reach. We continue to offer four quality quarterly programs each year, providing a chance for our members to learn and network. Please join us at an upcoming event and get more involved!

Before my season ends, I must THANK YOU ALL for the opportunity to lead this outstanding organization. There are countless memorable moments that have made this journey profound. With the help of the 2014-2015 Board, the past two years have marked some impressive milestones for me and BCSEM.

Needless to say, I am grateful to have served as your President. With continued pride, I enthusiastically welcome the 2016 Board of Directors.

kindest Regards
James E. Keehn



Our December 3 Quarterly Meeting Hosts—Farmington Hills

The Farmington Hills Beautification Commission advises their City Council about Beautification and Environmental concerns. They promote and publicize projects promoting beautification and environmental protection. They meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 at City Hall. Farmington Hills hosts community events throughout their year. One of those events included an exciting family week for Earth Day they call their Clean, Green, and Beautiful week. During this week, everyone in the community is invited to participate in neighborhood clean-ups, water awareness and education programs, recycling education, movies like *The Lorax*, and festivals



with the theme of celebrating Mother Earth. The goal of this week is to encourage residents to get educated on how to keep their surroundings debris free, and the effect that litter has on the environment now and in the future.

A primary event is awarding annual Beautification Awards to businesses, offices, subdivisions and condominiums entrances for their attractive and well-maintained landscaping. Judges visit nominated sites for landscape variety, imaginative use of color, and overall property maintenance. We are very grateful to the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission for hosting our December 3rd Quarterly Meeting at the Longacre House.

BCSEM Proposed Slate of Officers & Directors for 2016 – Nominations Committee

This is your report from the Nominations Committee of BCSEM indicating your **proposed slate** of Officers and Directors for BCSEM for 2016. Your Nominations Committee members included Pat Deck, Dorothy Wood, and Betty Stone.

PROPOSED SLATE:

President	A. Pat Deck
1st Vice President	John Darin
2nd Vice President	Betty Stone
Recording/Corresponding Secretary	Flo Jagielski
Treasurer/Membership/Historian	Dorothy Wood
Immediate Past President	James Keehn
Directors for 2015/2016	Lois Adams 1 Position Open
Directors for 2016/17	Henrietta Baczewski Jerald Stone



Committee Appointments are made by the President as stated in Article X, Section 2 of the bylaws.
(i.e. Historian, Newsletter, ISA Award, Parliamentarian)

This Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors will be voted on at the December 3rd Quarterly Meeting.

Common Christmas Tree Characteristics by The National Christmas Tree Assoc.

Have you ever wonder what live Christmas Tree is the right one for you? The National Christmas Tree Association offers these key characteristics to help you make a selection:

White Pine is the largest pine in the U.S. It has soft flexible needles and is bluish-green in color. Needles are 2-1/2 to 5" long. While they have good needle retention, they have little aroma. They are not recommended for heavy ornaments.

Fraser Fir branches turn slightly upward. They have good form and needle retention. They are dark blue-green in color, have a pleasant scent, and great shipping characteristics.

Colorado Blue Spruce is often used for stuffing pine pillows. The sharp needles run 1 to 1-1/2" long. They are blue-gray in color. They needles have an unpleasant odor when crushed. This tree has good symmetrical form and good needle retention.

Concolor Fir has small narrow needles 1 to 1-1/2" long that occur in rows. They have good foliage color, good needle retention, and a pleasing shape and aroma.

Douglas Fir has soft needles that are dark green to blue in color and 1 to 1-1/2" in length. The needles radiate in all directions from the branch. When crushed, these needles have a sweet fragrance. They are one of the top Christmas tree species in the United States.

Balsam Fir has needles 3/4 to 1-1/2" long and last for a very long time. This tree has a dark-green appearance and retains a pleasing fragrance throughout the Christmas season.

Scotch Pine has needles 1" in length that do not fall even when they are dry. This provides excellent needle retention. The color is bright green. It's a common Christmas tree in the U.S., and has a great survival rate. It's easy to replant and remains fresh throughout the holiday season.

Noble Fir has needles that turn upward, exposing the lower branches. Known for it's beauty, it has good needle retention and is a good tree for heavy ornaments. It also provides excellent greenery for wreaths and garlands.



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President: James Keehn	Director: Henrietta Baczewski
1st Vice President: A. Pat Deck	Director: Lois Adams
2nd Vice President: Betty Stone	Director: Flo Jagielski
Secretary: Celia Todd	Director: John Darin
Treasurer: Dorothy Wood	Immediate Past Pres.: Jerry Stone

The Amazing Eastern Market of Detroit (Cont. from Pg.1)

In September of this year, Eastern Market hosted it's first Murals in the Market Festival. The festival featured 45 local and international artists who painted large-scale murals for public enjoyment throughout the market. The festival included presentations and discussions by artists, local farmers, a block party, a cultural tour, and a movie premier. The artists goal was to paint murals that embody the spirit of Detroit, and to deepen the market's cultural legacy by transforming it into a public must see art destination.

