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Sarah Earley, of the Belle Isle Women's Committee, will hold its 'Polish the Jewel' luncheon on June 7. The group is working on a project to help beautify the island.

# Women's group will add luster to Belle Isle

The newly formed Belle Isle Women's Committee will hold its "Polish the Jewel" Legacy Awards luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, on the grounds of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle.

Guests are encouraged to shine up their own jewels and wear them, along with their favorite chapeau, to this inaugural spring affair.

Modeled after the women's committees in New York, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Chicago, the BIWC is planning to duplicate its successes in restoring their urban parks. Famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted designed both New York's Central Park and Detroit's Belle Isle, and the BIWC is making a long-term commitment to bring Detroit's jewel back to its original glory.

Chairwoman of the luncheon Sarah Earley of Bloomfield Hills, along with co-chairwomen Debbie

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Dingell, president of the GM Foundation, and Vivian Pickard, director of corporate relations for GM, head a committee of more than 100 metro Detroit women.

Proceeds from the luncheon will renovate their first project, Sunset Point, on the western tip of the island. A pedestrian promenade and

plaza are part of the 1997 Master Plan drawn by the Detroit architect and landscape architectural firm Hamilton & Anderson, Assoc. for the restoration of the island. Renderings of the master plan will be on display.

Marilyn Tuchow, who founded Friends of Belle Isle in 1973, and Comerica Inc., which has funded H.U.G. (Help Uncover the Gem), an annual cleanup of the island, will receive Belle Isle Legacy Awards for their steadfast support of Belle Isle.

A silent auction of jewels will add sparkle to the afternoon as well as raise additional dollars for the project.

Polish the Jewel, The Belle Isle Legacy Awards Luncheon is presented by Comerica and sponsored by DTE Energy, General Motors and Masco Corporation.

General Admission is \$125. Patron tickets are \$200. For corporate sponsorship and ticket information call C&B Scene: (248) 557-2510.