

**HERBS AND FLORALS** — Essence Maker, of Chester, will be featured at the annual Chagrin Falls' Herb and Flower Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 15.

Owner Tracy Knake, who has a bachelor's degree in chemistry and worked in a laboratory for five years during which she founded Essence Maker and created an all-natural therapeutic essential oils skin-care line. Featuring soaps, lotions, massage oils, facial masks and toners, bath salts, body mists and pillow sprays.

Her interest in aromatherapy lies in understanding the science and art of how fragrance affects the mind, body and spirit, she said.

From carrot seed and sage soap for gardeners, to interesting combinations of herbs and florals, including cypress, lavender, rosemary and sandalwood, Mrs. Knake creates all natural products. And, that sets her apart, because other companies' fragrance blends are not always all natural, they often use synthetics, she said.

For centuries, the use of essential oils have stood the test of time and were utilized by some of the most famous female goddesses in history, including Cleopatra, who used rose and orange flower water to woo her lovers.

For more information about Essence Maker, call (440) 729-3894. The shop, nestled on Mrs. Knake's home property, is open at the clients' convenience by appointment. Products may be ordered from [www.essencemaker.com](http://www.essencemaker.com)