

Dressing Your HOME



Collectors' treasures found in British line

For those who want quality furniture and would enjoy antiques if investment value were certain, a new import from England will be in years to come collectors' treasures.

Made in England, with typical English attention to quality and workmanship, comes furniture from English Artisans Ltd., a company that makes Tudor furniture the same way Tudors did and is bringing it to the United States for the stately homes of America.

A distinctive feature is the use of rich mahogany and hard-to-find yew woods, a rarity in furniture production outside of England today. The collection of English designs includes furniture covering dining rooms, living rooms, occasional pieces and wall units. A wide choice of models offers a varied selection of wood finishes and rich upholstery fabrics.

The Resency collection includes a variety of dining-room and occasional pieces reflecting the charm and classic influences of that period.

Original details include such distinctive features as claw casters, ornate drop handles, wooden framed glazed doors and hand-carved fleur-de-lis. All models are offered in standard and antique finish.

The Tudor collection features carefully selected and treated oak, intricately hand carved and polished by a special process to preserve and enhance the natural grain and texture of the wood. Fine detail work utilizes such stylistic motifs as the Gothic arch, the guilloché, lunette carvings, diamond panels and leaf design incorporating the Tudor rose.

The line was given the Queen's Award to industry for outstanding achievement. One of the pieces is the Davenport desk, distinctive in size and style, given new life and charm in the Tudor motif. Complete with inlaid leather top and intricate Tudor carving, it is handcrafted of fine oak by English Artisans Ltd.

Another beautiful example of the Tudor period and very contemporary today, is a room of stately wall units. There is storage space in the lower sections comprised of drawers and shelves behind framed doors, shelves above for collections with wooden framed doors of pane design.

In this throw-away age, English Artisans revert to old values seldom seen these days and produce furniture that ages gracefully with time and grows more valuable.

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What are the "in" colors for now and the next year or two? If you want to know the trend colors, they would be the natural and hues of nature's paintings. But there is actually a little bit of everything being done. It all comes down to personal taste and what you want to achieve. For instance, stark white painted walls, with the clever use of wall mirroring can create the feeling of spaciousness and be foil for a display of bright paintings or wall hangings. Create your mood and always choose colors you like to wear and have good feelings about on a day-to-day basis. Never select a color that is not appealing to you.

Marie Peters is new HOW director

Marie Peters, a former member of the National Organization of Women (NOW), will fill the post of new state director for the Happiness of Womanhood (HOW) organization, longtime rival of NOW.

Mrs. Peters, who was introduced to the Southfield branch of HOW, said that she left NOW in 1973 because the direction the NOW organization was headed disagreed with her values.

"As soon as they started to receive federal funding, they began getting grand ideas which ignored family life completely," she said. "They were very unorganized, too. The group I was in never did much beyond getting together occasionally for coffee."

Pointing out that all of HOW's funds are raised through the efforts of its members who sponsor rummage sales and bake sales, Mrs. Peters said that HOW is much more an organization for socially concerned ladies who wish to retain their status as ladies.

"We think our children and husbands are important, unlike NOW," she said. "I checked this organization out before I joined, because I certainly didn't want to get involved with a bunch of kooks or radicals, but I found very interesting women."

Mrs. Peters said that HOW is all for equal rights for women but they oppose ERA because it leaves the options open for the federal government to draft women and turn all facilities co-ed.

For an 18-year-old young man who will one day be the head of a family or the head of a company, the service is fine," she said. "But for girls? It's their right if they choose to go. That's their business, but they just shouldn't be drafted."

Mrs. Peters also said that the equal rights proposed in the amendment were already guaranteed for women in the Constitution and any further additions would only limit those rights.

Currently, HOW is lobbying to rescind the ERA in Michigan and also to defeat a bill which would permit the teaching of birth control methods and abortion in the classroom.

Mrs. Peters is a member of the Council of Warren Citizens, Kellogg Citizens of Chicago, Regional Citizens, Lifespan, and Michigan Citizens for Life.

In 1971, Mrs. Peters was selected by the Detroit News as one of 12 outstanding women who contributed to their community through an interest in government.

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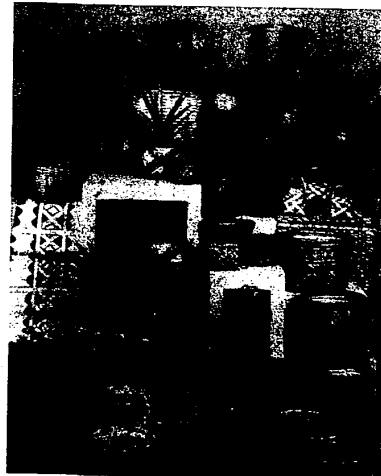
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