

Shady lady likes bright beautiful windows

By SUZIE MARKS

She calls herself the Shady Lady and goes from house to house examining windows and deciding how to treat them.

Mariene Savine, alias the Shady Lady, is in the window treatment business almost by accident.

"When I was visiting my sister in New York a few years ago, she was in the process of decorating her own

home. She took me to a factory where they were manufacturing unusual window coverings that I had never seen before. I asked the manufacturer why I couldn't get those coverings in Michigan and he asked me if I wanted to represent them. My reply was, 'Who me, I'm just a housewife,' " she Bloomfield woman says.

Mrs. Savine said she had no intention of selling window treatments or anything else. She says she didn't

realize at the time that she didn't have anything to do. Her children were grown and her husband encouraged her to abandon her full-time role as a housewife and do something for herself.

That was three years ago. She decided to plunge in and try her hand at business. In the beginning, Mrs. Savine carried two lines, and when customers requested certain lines she didn't have she assured them that she could secure the covering.

"At THE TIME I didn't really know if I could get the merchandise, but I just came home and started making phone calls until I found it," she says.

Mrs. Savine explains that she really didn't think the business would be very successful when she began.

"When I started, I wanted a job three days a week from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with an hour off for lunch. I only had a few business cards printed and didn't want to advertise because I wasn't sure of myself," she says.

Shady Lady still does not advertise

since Mrs. Savine has all the work she can handle now. People hear about her through word of mouth and through designers.

She confidently claims that people like to work with her and that she knows her products.

"When I go to New York, I watch the manufacturers' band weavers, check out the mechanisms and ask questions. I also read everything I can get my hands on concerning window treatments," she adds.

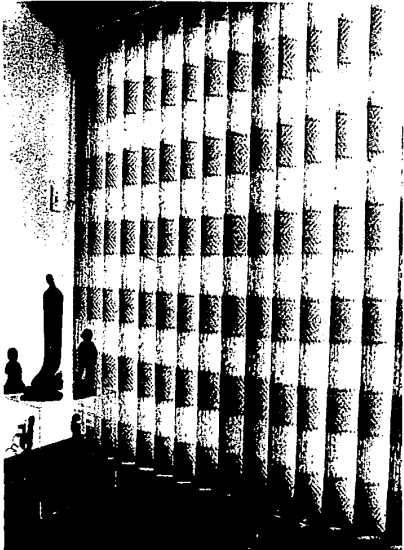
Shady Lady is a family business, from the office built in her home by

her husband Burt, to the installations done by her son Barry.

She calls her husband her "not so silent partner," because they constantly talk and inspect window coverings wherever they go. "That's how I get ideas," she says.

Mrs. Savine says she has become more aggressive since she has been in business for the past three years. She also takes a different view of herself.

"I used to introduce myself as Barry and Toby's mother or Burt's wife, but I don't do that anymore because I am a more complete, outspoken person," she adds.



Vertical custom woven blinds add just the right touch. (Staff photo by Charlie Kidd)



Madonna offers deaf services

Activities for deaf and hearing-impaired adults will be provided in several tri-county locations in the winter by Madonna College, Livonia. Sign language will be provided.

"Preparing your income tax" will be presented Sunday nights at the Detroit Silent Club, beginning in early February.

The club will have a session on recognizing vital signs of blood pressure. A second session will be at St. John's Episcopal Church, Detroit.

This will be presented in cooperation with the American Red Cross and will begin in January and February.

A 10-week session on gardening will be presented in cooperation with the Macomb County Extension Service in late January or February.

How to be a home handyman will be the subject of a series of workshops in Waterford Township in cooperation with the schools.



Horizontal leveler blinds decorate this window. (Staff photo by Charlie Kidd)

At Your Leisure

CURTAIN TIME

The Corn Is Green Jeanne Arnold and Tom Spackman head the lively cast in Emlyn Williams' shining drama of teacher who inspires young Welsh coal miner to higher education. Through Sunday, Jan. 22, at Meadow Brook Theatre on Oakland University campus in Rochester. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets at Hudson's or by calling Meadow Brook box office, 577-3300.

The Sunshine Boys comedy by Neil Simon presented by the Ridgedale Players Friday-Sunday, Jan. 13-15 and 20-22, at Ridgedale Playhouse in Oak Park. Curtain time 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Afterglow following each performance included in price of admission. Ticket information from Ann Sale at 642-1500.

A Greek Odyssey dinner, dance and a theater in the round performance of "Antigone" by Jean Anouilh presented by Roper City and County School at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Roper School in Bloomfield Hills. For ticket information call 642-1500.

Promises, Promises Broadway hit based on Neil Simon comedy with music by Bert Bacharach and lyrics by Hal David, presented by Birmingham Village Players on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28; Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 2-4; Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11 at playhouse in Birmingham. Curtain 9 p.m. except Thursday at 8. Ticket information at 644-2075.

Costumes and Other Preps a musical revue at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. R. Diehl Production presented in dinner theater format on Thursdays, dinner at 7, show at 8:30 p.m., and Sundays, dinner at 6, show at 7:30 p.m. Ticket information at 474-4800.

Come Blow Your Horn Neil Simon's Broadway comedy starring Vic Caputo of WJBK-TV runs through Saturday, Jan. 28, at Crocker. Dinner Theatre in the lower level of Squires Table Restaurant in Walled Lake. Ninth Pierre Turgeon/Jimmy Launce Production. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.; show at 8:45, every Friday and Saturday. Reservations at 624-6660.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory drama presented by Farmington Family Players at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. For tickets call 622-5222 or 642-8367.

CONCERTS

Positive Oakland Symphony Orchestra presents "Hippolyte" by David Daniels conducting at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Avondale High School in Auburn Heights. Tickets priced for adults, senior citizens and students available at the door.

Program features Mozart Mass in C Minor performed by symphony along with Oakland University Chorus. This is season's opening concert, rescheduled from Dec. 8.

Oakway Symphony Orchestra presents fourth subscription concert of season at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. Piano virtuoso Mischa Kottler will perform Second Concerto of Rachmaninoff. Symphony featured in program which includes Prescott's "Toccata" and Sibelius' "Swan of Tuonela," as well as Handel's "Water Music" and three excerpts from Beethoven's "Dumaine Faust." Tickets at the door, priced for general admission, student and senior citizen. Tickets also at Hudson's (Northland, Westland and Oakland), Royal Music (Royal Oak) and Madonna College and Hammel Music (Livonia).

Borodin Piano Trio performs all-Russian program at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, in Varner Recital Hall on Oakland University campus in Rochester. First program in 1977-78 International Music Series sponsored by Oakland University Department of Music. Tickets available at the door or in advance by calling Department of Music at 377-2025.

American Artists Series presents chamber music concert for flute, harp, strings and piano at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills. For ticket information call 647-2250.

Musical Photo-Paintings of Richard Vernick featured by West Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra under direction of Felix Resnick at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at West Bloomfield High School. Tickets priced for adults and for senior citizens and youth under 18. Reservations suggested; call 615-2920 or 661-4820.

TALKING

Opting with Change Monday evening lecture series by Rabbi Sherwin Wine begins at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, with discussion of book "Intimate Friendships" by James Raney. Admission charge.

Winter in Europe third program in lecture series "How to Stretch Your Travel Budget" by Peter Gern at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Community House in Birmingham. Film "Wonderful World on TWA in Switzerland" will be presented, followed by lecture by Gern on "What's Next, Mr. Freddie Laker?" a guide to the new air fares to Europe. Question and answer period follows lecture. Call 642-4970 for reservations.

Oakland County Genealogical Society presents two speakers, Tom of Dr. and Mrs. William F. Jewell of Ann Arbor, who will speak on record keeping and letter writing at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at First

Baptist Church of Birmingham. Program open to the public without charge.

Russell Barnes Current Events Lecture at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, in second floor Jeanne Lloyd Room of Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham. Admission charge.

Parapsychology Society, International, presents presentation at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Somerset Inn in Troy. Admission charge.

Religious Calls and the Deprogramming Effort presented in Coffee & Conversation Series at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the Community House in Birmingham. Programmer Kathy Buttery and attorney Morton Eden bring program. Further information at the Community House, 644-5822.

ON FILM

How Should We Then Live? a 10-episode film series by Dr. Francis Schaeffer, begins Jan. 11 and concludes March 15, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Church of Christ in Troy. Each episode followed by discussion. No charge; registration by calling Jesse Clayton at 646-5100 or 647-5035, or Ray Doederlein at 647-6455.

Roots—The African, Part II at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at Troy Public Library, on Family Film Night. Reservations by calling audio-visual library at 686-5.

Above the Horizon film at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills. Admission charge.

Travel Film Series presents "Italy's Fabled Sea" narrated by Jonathan Hagar at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 20 and 21, at the Community House in Birmingham. Admission charge.

Encore Cinema Club Ltd. presents "TITIC 1138" (U.S. 1971) science fiction film directed by George Lucas and starring Donald Pleasance and Robert Duvall at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 23 and 24, at Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills. Program includes talk by Jim Hanz, an experimental film maker who teaches in Wayne State Weekend College program, Coffee, Dessert. Admission by season ticket or at the door. For further information call 645-B173.

CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Saturday Cinema at Troy Public Library presents "What Is Bubble Gum?" "Crazy Leg" and "Sara's Summer of the Swans," films for elementary schoolchildren, at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 14.

Drop-In Storytime at Bloomfield Township Library, with stories, songs and games for children in grades K-5, 4:15-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12.

Jack and the Beanstalk presented by Henry K. Martin Productions and his Actors Trunk Company at 1, 3 and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 12 and 13; 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Second Saturday film program at Baldwin Public Library at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 in second floor Jeanne Lloyd Room. Features include "Magic Tree," "Mike Mulligan" and "The New Car." All kindergarten and early elementary age children are welcome.

Harbinger Contemporary Dance Group presents special program for children at 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Lederle Junior High School in Southfield. Tickets available at the Music Stand (Evergreen Plaza Shopping Center), the Southfield Community Education Office (354-7456 or 642-4956), or at the door. Admission charge. Program part of Junior Celebrity Series offered by Southfield Schools' Community Education Department.

AT THE MALL

Antiques & Country Collectibles free show and sale through Tuesday.

Jan. 29, at Pontiac Mall in Waterford Township. More than 35 antique dealers from across the Midwest.

First Live Gong Show ever held in a shopping center at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, hosted by Oakland Mall. Show features 10 variety acts including Richard Huston, dancing roller skater who won first prize in national Gong Show.

9th Annual Auto Show features 10 of Oakland County's largest automobile dealers, through Sunday, Jan. 25, at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield.

First Winter Antique Fair begins Monday, Jan. 9, and runs through Saturday, Jan. 14, at Somerset Mall, Troy. Dealers from Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York and Michigan participate.

MAIN STREET

The Second Forty Years first program designed to assist men and women of middle age to accept the physical and psychological changes that take place during

those years. Presented in cooperation with Southeast Michigan Red Cross Chapter, at Troy Public Library on Tuesdays 6:30-11:30 a.m. Jan. 10, 17, 24 and Feb. 7. No charge; reservations at library, 686-5665.

Federal and State Tax Problems personal assistance for senior citizens and retirees 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, in first floor Harry Allen Room of Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham.

Antique Show Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14 and 15, at Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club in Farmington. Show hours noon-10 p.m. Jan. 14 and noon-7 p.m. Jan. 15. Admission and parking free.

1978 Michigan International Boat and Sportsman Show through Sunday, Jan. 15, at Pontiac Silverdome.

For area events in Oakland County to be considered for listing, send information to: Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham 35202. Deadline is two weeks in advance of event.

Dianetics can help man, 2 scientologists claim

By JOE MARTUCCI

The sign outside the small, gray house on Forest Street in Birmingham says, "Dianetics Scientology."

Inside, the walls are lined with dozens of books. Some are thick, weighty volumes in encyclopedia-like sets. Others are paperbacks. All are written by L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology—a religion that claims 9-10 million followers.

Is Scientology really a religion? What do scientologists believe? And why do critics say Scientology is a cult that tilts its members of thousands of dollars?

Questions like these bring knowing smiles to the faces of the Rev. Keith Miller and the Rev. Andrew Bagley. The Rev. Miller, a 23-year-old transplant Californian, is the new head of the Birmingham mission. The Rev. Miller has been involved in Scientology for 27 years.

They say that the Church of Scientology produces a measurable product—happier people with increased ability to lead constructive lives and to assist fellow man.

Sunday services usually include a lecture based on the church's creed. Simply stated, the philosophy of Scientology is that as man becomes more

aware of himself, he can better relate to his family, co-workers and friends.

SAID THE REV. BAGLEY, "All religions are based on finding God. We have adopted an ancient Hindu saying, 'If you would know God, know thyself.' We ask people who come in, 'Are you a friend of you?' Scientology gets you to the point where you are much more friendly with yourself."

"For the past 10,000 years, mankind has been trying to find out how he can be spiritually free. Why do you think kids get into drugs?"

"They are trying to explain their lives. They're saying, 'There must be something more to life.' They've become fed up with the materialistic society we have."

Scientology is always looking for new members. Some people walk in off the street to satisfy their curiosity. Others have been referred by a friend, or may have been intrigued by a piece of literature or a questionnaire. Free personality testing entices some.

"We get people from all different walks of life—blue collar, white collar, young and old. I've audited people in their 50s," said the Rev. Bagley.

"Most people who come in are skeptical. They're looking for some way to make things go better in their lives."

"Many have become involved in some pop-psychology or done another program that didn't work out," added the Rev. Miller.

"We tell people not to take things at face value. We insist they have the full agreement of their family and if it's a minor, they must have written approval from the parents."

NEWCOMERS are usually given a book to read, "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health" is the most common introductory text.

While Scientology ministers perform marriages, christenings, funerals and other conventional religious services, they also teach courses. Scientology frequently is criticized because it charges for each course taught.

Fees, starting at \$25 for the first set of classes, are charged for the courses. If a person takes all eight of the courses offered at the Birmingham mission, he could spend several hundred dollars.

The Rev. Miller and the Rev. Bagley say the money from the courses and sale of books is funneled back into the church. It's used, among other things, for the church's mounting legal fees.