

Designer calls clothing akin to an art form

If you like fashion collectibles and not just clothes, The Bevs of Harbor Springs' trunk show should be on your agenda. Original designs and one-of-a-kind California fashions will be shown on Nov. 17 and 18.

The showing will be in the Penthouse Suite of the Somerset Inn in Troy from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, with informal modeling in the lounge during lunch.

Bev Seger, former model and hennemaker from Bloomfield and Farmington, made the move to Harbor Springs more than three years ago with her three children. A fashion designer was born in their Victorian house which has made fashion news since.

It's a family affair with Robin Seger, Bev's 25-year-old daughter handling children and those ways which are then made into blouses, scarves, coats, skirts and vests.

COLORS VARY from muted to vibrant and the designs are intricate on water. Bev designs and oversees the sewing of her own originals. These include vests and jackets made from old quilts, stuffed shirts, appliqued jackets, shirts, pants and rain ponchos, plus a line of patch denims.

Fifteen-year-old Alana is the bookkeeper and sometimes saleslady.

When it all started in 1973, it was a three-generation cooperative, with Bev's mother assisting with the dying on the kitchen stove and sewing in the shop. Adding to the interest of shopping at the Bevs is that the shop has coordinated sandals and shoes, custom-made bags, boots, one-of-a-kind jewelry and hand-woven shawls and scarves as well as California designer clothes.

BEV'S CUSTOMERS can walk out with a complete look.

"My clothes must function and be fun."

Bev Seger says, "Clothes are taken too seriously. They should be enjoyed. My philosophy is that clothing is an art form, and I treat it as such."

Bev's designs and accessories were photographed in a more than century-old farmhouse in Bloomfield Hills.

Barb and Chuck Yearn moved into the charming home after their August wedding. Both were clothing from the Bevs at their outdoor ceremony under the arbor.

"Bev's made my clothes all my life," Barb said.

Always growing, the Bevs will soon complete renovation of some garages for use as a men's shop, design studio and workroom. The addition will turn the Bevs into a mini-mall with deck parking.

BEV IS LOOKING forward to the trunk showing. With her usual efficiency, she'll probably travel light when she comes down south for the showing.

Layering is the only way to go in our jet age," she said. "I pack one small leather bag for a trip. In the winter, I'll wear a coat, neck warmer with a skirt, and put the coat up for a hood if it's sleeting."

"I add a raincoat, and put a fur vest on top of that if it's very cold. I wear boots and pack sandals for the evening."



Barbara Yearn, dressed in a blue long dress topped with a hand-dyed chiffon coat from The Bevs, enjoys the serenity of the all white and wood living room.



Barbara and Chuck Yearn pose in the yard of their historic farmhouse dressed in the clothes they wore at their August wedding. Barbara is in a patch denim skirt with quilted patch vest over a pink turtleneck and Chuck wears jeans and a hand-dyed corduroy jacket over a grape-colored shirt with quilted trim.



Staff photos
by
Barb McClellan



Looking like she's ready for a hunt, Barbara Yearn looks outward, dressed in a shawl cotton hill rain poncho, trimmed with quilted applique, over jeans and high tan boots.

**FASHION
HEAD-
QUARTERS**
for the
Discriminating Shopper
**somerset
mall**

Thursdays and Fridays
from 10 to 9.
Other days
including Saturdays
from 10 to 6.

Your time to shop,
and it's from *Saks Fifth Avenue*

By Reservation Only

B Siegel

the Best of Fall
Fashion for '76
is here!

LANGE-FLEX™ II BOOTS

The Fun
NEW WAY
TO
TURN ON
A
MOUNTAIN!



Featuring the all-new
ULTRA-FIT™ liner for super
comfort, fit, and warmth!

ALPINE SKI

& TENNIS

4702 N. Woodward
(Just South of 14 Mile)

549-7474

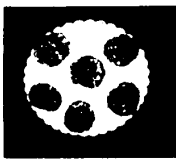
Open Mon.-Fri. 10-9, Sat. 9-6

Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

To put it sweetly, Machus Pastry Shop's Florentines are something you'll definitely want to pass to guests. These delicate, lacy, candylike cookies consist of two very thin and crisp wafers made from rich cream and sugar, slivered almonds and chopped orange, with a layer of semi-sweet chocolate sandwiched between them. There are 30 to 36 Florentines in a pound (\$5). Two days advance notice is requested.

Machus Pastry Shops are at Telegraph at Maple, 626-4203; 633 S. Adams, 644-1031; and 160 W. Maple, 644-1016.



If it's made in Scotland, chances are very likely you'll find it at the Scottish Import Shop. Outer Rosemarie Gordon stocks plaid kilts in all sizes, cashmere and lambswool sweaters, mohair and wool blankets, scarves, hats, tams; record albums, dolls, tea cosies, hand-blown crystal, pottery, wool plaid fabrics by the yard and more. Supplies for bagpipers also are on hand. In fact, Mrs. Gordon will special order anything Scotch (except food items) at no extra charge.

The Scottish Import Shop is at 222 Sherman Drive, Royal Oak, 542-3131.



Good things still come in small packages. For example, this tiny nylon Pan Care pot scraper (35 cents) will add a lot of ease to your kitchen and cleaning chores, made to be used on any type of surface, the pot scraper is great for getting at dried-on foods. It also can be used to scrape paint off windows and to get into all those little crevices that drive us all crazy.

What's Cookin', 32710 Franklin Road, Franklin, 626-3044.



Book lovers should know about Bookpeople's Book Club. To be a member, all you do is purchase one hardcover book at Bookpeople. Subsequently, each month you are entitled to buy any hardcover book in the store at a 50 per cent discount. Although there is no obligation to buy a book per month, you can't accumulate your discounts to buy several books at one time.

Bookpeople is in the Orchard Mall, 6315 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 851-0150.



Southfield Theatre sets second season

Sir Noel Coward's popular "Private Lives" will be the attraction when the Southfield Civic Theatre opens its second season.

"Private Lives" will be performed at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Nov. 9-13 and at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Center, 2600 Evergreen Road. Tickets are \$2.50 and will be available at the door.

The play, originally presented at London's Phoenix Theatre, is Coward's look at the manners and morals of the early 20's. Revolving around the rediscovered love of a couple five years divorced, the play opens with each of them unknowingly planning to spend honeymoon with new spouses in adjoining hotel suites.

The confrontation between the former husband and wife and their decision to run off and leave their respective partners in the lurch is only the beginning of the raucous adventure.

The cast includes Jacqueline Turri Barus, Bill Williamson, and Karen and Bill Drummonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Drummonds have been active in local theatre groups for several years. Mr. Drummonds has performed directed and choreographed at Mercy College, Troy Players and the Theater Guild of Livonia Redford. Mrs. Drummonds holds a BFA in drama from Wayne State and also has been active with several local companies.

Williamson has been active with local companies, his most recent activity was as assistant director to Nicos Psacharopoulos for the world premiere of "Washington Square," a Michigan Opera Theatre production.

**If you have
had a
mastectomy...**

The RB Shops carries The Airway and C.C. Prosthesis, acknowledged two of the finest in the world. We also have prostheses night gowns.

Free Parking

THE RB SHOPS

314 W. Fourth Street
Royal Oak
(next to Royal Oak Theatre)

FRANCIS FURNITURE SINCE 1917



FRENCH BAKERS RACK

Ideal for plants and accessories. Features antique distressed gold finish. Designed scroll top and side frames of heavy steel. Three heavy glass shelves. 30" W. x 15" D. x 62 1/2" H.

This attractive piece

\$169

Since 1925
Lazare's Furs

493 Ouellette Ave.
WINDSOR, ONTARIO

Designer furs! Precious furs! Fashion furs! Casual and contemporary furs! Capes and Stoles! Jackets! Pantofoles and stroller coats! Street length coats! Even sumptuous floor length coats! Here, just a hint of the excitement—and savings—you'll find:

NATURAL ALASKA SNOW LYNX Full-length, fully let-out	\$7400
NATURAL CANADIAN FISHER COATS Female skins, full-length, fully let-out	\$4500
NATURAL BADGER COAT Feather cut, looks like lynx, size 8, 47" long (by Grosvenor)	\$3250

DUTY & SALES TAX REFUNDED

"Our prices—style for style, quality for quality—defy competition."

The fabulous creations of World Famous

GROSVENOR CANADA

In Windsor, exclusively at Lazare's
Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday 'til 9 p.m.
Free Parking—1-519-255-2118