



New stitches to be learned

An unbelievable variety of stitches can be learned in needlepoint classes taught by Carol Keyson (at left) and Lynn Mahell in Farmington Community Center. The instructors pull it all together in a three-session workshop set to begin Jan. 27. Registrations are being taken now in the center, and will continue until all class loads are full.

Room for Design

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Make decorative area make common sense

Common-sense decorating means a room that really works for the way you want to live. And today that room probably includes several of the following qualities — simplicity, a sense of space and light, comfort, flexibility and efficiency.

As the new year begins, and you are ready to turn your thoughts to home furnishings, be aware of the priorities you are after. Browse, window shop and inquire of knowledgeable salespersons to gain insight about the item you are buying.

At this time of the year, many stores feature sales on floor merchandise as well as on special orders. It is a wise time to shop and take advantage of special savings.

However, a word of caution; do not rush out and buy a houseful of new furnishings haphazardly only to find that once delivered, it lacks the look you wanted. You would be living with your expensive mistake for many years.

BUYING HOME furnishings is perilous at best, but there is help for the consumer in a book titled "Buying Home Furnishings," subtitled "Beating the Home Furnishings Experts at Their Own Game" by Patricia M. Williams.

It is a practical guide that tells not only how to shop for furniture but also how to spot retailers' tricks, traps and questionable sales

practices. The book gives tips on shopping that you never dreamed about.

For example, have you ever wondered why you obtain a sample of your carpeting and pad that you are buying? Obviously to prevent the dealer from switching carpets or quality of pad. Not common, but possible.

Another possibility is a "spiff" and how it can hurt you. A spiff is a reward — money, prizes, points, whatever, given a salesperson for selling a specific item (one that has been around the store for a long time) around the clerk or salesperson will pressure or misinform you so that you purchase the item against your better judgment.

Also be cautious of fad furniture, the here today and gone tomorrow styles. Contemporary or modern furniture does not mean fad furnishings. It simply denotes sleek, streamlined, unadorned and, unlike traditional case goods, may be highly lacquered or composed of glass and metal rather than wood.

CONTEMPORARY is as permanent a style as is traditional. It is not eliminated from the scene as are the faddish pieces.

Simplicity — think of what you might leave out, more than what you add in. It's often the case that any given area works best with a minimum of things in it. Space — The unfurnished parts of the room

are just as important as the furnished.

Shapes made by emptiness are part of the visual excitement and leave something for the future. Light — Creating a quality of light can do more for a room than any other single thing. Good lighting relates to architecture and emphasizes the focal points in the room.

Comfort — Having the soft beds and chairs and textures you care about is all a part of feeling at ease in your own surroundings. Comfort is well planned storage, a place for everything and everything in its place. It gives you a sense of well being.

Flexibility — Most of today's rooms are called upon to work for a variety of activities. You must be able to accommodate both small and larger groups of people comfortably. Consider the potential uses in basic design, and diversity.

Don't be influenced by others. Your living patterns and yours alone are to be considered. Smooth out your life style and make everything around you be pleasing. Satisfy yourself in the way that you decorate so that your house will be a pleasant place to come home to.

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Missionary to talk on problems in Korea

Father James P. Sinnott, a former missionary to South Korea, will speak about the problems in Korea during worship services in First Presbyterian Church of Farmington on Jan. 30. Services begin at 10:30 p.m.

After serving as a Maryknoll missionary for 15 years in the Asian country, and as Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Incheon, Father Sinnott was expelled from South Korea for his support of and ministry to the families of eight men executed in the spring of 1975.

He was in South Korea when President Park suspended the nation's democratic constitution and placed the country under martial law.

The missionary will explain how a series of "emergency decrees" suspended constitutional freedoms for Koreans. One decree, proclaimed in 1974, called for up to 15 years in prison for anyone who criticized the government. A second decree prescribed prison terms up to 15 years for criticism of the previous decree.

SINCE THEN thousands of South Koreans have charged the government with harassment and surveillance, and hundreds have been imprisoned or met mysterious deaths.

The most recent incident, which caused an uproar among Christians, was the arrest and imprisonment of South Korean religious leaders, including Roman Catholic priests, Presbyterian ministers and the president of Church Women United.

After the church service, Fr. Sinnott will meet with church families at a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall. There will be an opportunity for questions and comments.

Persons wishing to attend the dinner with Fr. Sinnott are invited to call the church office, 474-6170.



FR. JAMES SINNOTT

Helpful hints on home buying

Preparation for spring house-hunting in the form of a five-week non-degree course, "What to Know Before Buying a Home," will be offered by Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education, beginning Thursday, Feb. 3.

Subjects to be covered in the course include selection of a neighborhood, examination of a house for quality and value, financial needs, abilities and methods to be considered in the purchase of a house, preparation of

the purchase agreement, and explanation of closing costs.

A licensed real estate salesman, Jerome A. Nowacki of Weaver Real Estate will instruct the course from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on campus in Rochester. Tuition is \$37.

To register, call the continuing education office, 377-3129, or the Oakland University office at the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education, 642-0290.

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