

Variety spices annual walk

By CORINNE ABATT

Like professional retailers, the Junior Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony has developed a tightly wrapped variety package.

The Dec. 7 Christmas Walk will offer a number of home design and interiors as well as a pleasant, no-effort way to visit everything.

Advance tickets for the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. tour which includes bus ticket, beverage and box lunch are \$16. Reservations can be made by calling 616-2170. There's a lower price without lunch.

Among the five homes on the tour are a Pennsylvania Dutch structure on a lake setting furnished with French antiques; a Franklin colonial; a seven level, with a sophisticated interior; a large remodeled ranch and a country estate that has been updated by a family with an outstanding collection of contemporary art.

The latter home is full of surprises—dramatic and totally unexpected ones.

THE APPROACH up the winding drive to a secluded setting suggests antiques or, at the least, traditional. But the high ceiling foyer changes these signals.

A large Helen Frankenthaler painting hangs immediately inside the door facing the classic open stairway. Beyond, but still clearly in view, is a large abstract wood sculpture by Alden Smith and near that is an oil painting by Appel.

The living room to the left and several steps down has more expansive

art by both local and international artists—all of it coordinated by an antique Oriental rug in a geometric pattern. There's an Elrod sculpture there, a Bertola, Lester Johnson oil and a painting by Reva Schwayer of Franklin Village.

Again in the dining room, which was considerably enlarged by the present owners, the combination of a large, finely patterned Oriental rug and large contemporary paintings is seen. The dining room table which comfortably sets a dozen or more, is traditional, a striking contrast to the Larry Poons painting which is at least 12 feet by three feet, but not the largest in the room.

THE REDESIGNED and enlarged wing beyond the dining room encloses a small open patio with glass, and at the same time, provides wall space for large works of art. An open, contemporary stairway leads to the new master bedroom suite which has an attached exercise room and whirlpool bath. Throughout the house, even in the exercise room, bathrooms and bedrooms, there is art.

Under this stairway, the owners had a two-story wall for books built, the shelves accessible by a sliding library type ladder.

Comfortably enclosed at the base of the shelves is a contemporary sculpture by Stephen Hansen, one of three by this artist whose paper mache figures are close to cartoon characters in their response to life's fables. A Hansen figure in front of the family room fireplace, seated in a chair is nonchalantly sawing away at something in a box. What is being sawed, or why, is pure speculation.



Demonstrating flexibility

Barbara Selinger, of Farmington, is one of 18 dancers who will perform during Wayne State University's 55th annual dance concert for young folks Dec. 6-9 in the Community Arts Auditorium on the WSU campus. Performances are at 9:45 and 11 a.m. Dec. 6-8 with a special 2 p.m. performance on Dec. 9. Tickets for weekday performances are

\$1 and must be reserved in advance. Tickets for Saturday's performance, which includes area high school students, are \$2 and may be purchased at the door. All proceeds go to the Ruth Murray Tuition fund. Call 577-4273 to reserve tickets.

Local reservist joins airlift to return Jonestown dead

Bernard Kaske of Westland climbed into his Postal Service blues Monday morning as he has for nearly 19 years.

He checked into the Livonia post office at 7 a.m. and started to put up letters, post cards and papers for 500 patrons in the Seven Mile Road area.

By 10 a.m. he was aboard his tiny blue delivery truck, dropping off the day's mail.

It's doubtful that falls along Kaske's route wondered why a substitute had brought the mail most of the previous week.

If they'd asked, they would have heard a fascinating story.

ON TUESDAY, Nov. 21, about 3:30 a.m., Kaske had a telephone call. In moments he was pulling on his blues—his Air Force blues.

Along with 18 other members of the 303th Aero Space Rescue and Recovery Squadron, headquartered at Selfridge Air Base, Kaske was called to active duty.

Where? Guyana.

It was a short stint, four days.

But extremely busy.

Lt. Col. Kaske, a navigator, and his fellow reservists had the job of air-lift refueling of helicopters which ferried bodies out of Jonestown.

The 303th was headquartered at an airstrip called Timehri, about 125 miles from the People's Temple where 30 bodies on each trip. Since the stench was so bad, pilots wouldn't land at Jonestown until they were certain a load was ready.

Kaske's MILITARY

It was all strictly impersonal, Kaske said.

"You can't let yourself get all emotionally involved. If you do, you can't do your job."

"I felt sorry for the Graves and Registration people. (The men who tagged the bodies, which were decomposing in the heat). They'll have to live with that."

He added that the men of the 303th lived with the helicopter crews in primitive circumstances at Timehri. Each man had a cot to sleep on, but that's all. There was no bed clothing.

"They (helicopter pilots) wanted to get it done with as soon as possible," he said. "People out of Jonestown couldn't bag the bodies fast



Bernard Kaske is back on his postal route after being called to active duty the previous week by the Air Force for duty in Guyana. (Staff photo by Maurie Walker)

enough to keep up with the copiers which carried 30 bodies on each trip. Since the stench was so bad, pilots wouldn't land at Jonestown until they were certain a load was ready."

Now 44, Kaske was born in Detroit and moved to Garden City as a youth. He graduated from St.

Kaske said he faces mandatory retirement from the Air Force reserves in 1982. He hopes to retire from the Postal Service in 11 years when he's 55.

Group presents sex workshop

A workshop on the parents' role in sex education will be presented by Birmingham Youth Assistance Committee at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the Seaholm High School auditorium in Birmingham.

Titled "Sex Education: You and Your Child," the program will feature Dr. John Pietroski, divisional head of the medical and behavioral foundations at Wayne State University.

Pietroski is director of a new Wayne State graduate program in human sexuality.

The discussion format was developed by Helene Mills, vice principal at Birmingham's Seaholm High School, and Joanne Lindensmith, crisis unit coordinator at Common Ground, a Birmingham human services agency.

According to Ms. Lindensmith, "The workshop will dispel the notion that sex education is simply labeling of specific parts of the anatomy. The parents' example, such as the showing of affection between husband and wife, is the vital element in the child's sex education," she said.

Birmingham Youth Assistance Committee cooperates with private and public groups to meet youth, family and community needs.

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