

Room for Design

Chuck fads and show your colors



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I recently attended a lecture on "environmental space" which stimulated comments from designers and others in the home furnishings market. The theme revolved around the concept that it's about time someone struck a blow for independence in the living room.

"Every year, magazines dictate a new color that we're all supposed to decorate with according to some unknown authority," said designer Muriel Magenta. "Such things are imposed on us because they're commercially profitable."

I HAVE BEEN CRITICIZING that concept for years—the idea that the greater the mass appeal, the more volume in sales. A style, fad or trend color appears on the horizon and every homemaker

picks up the beat. Why do people accept these stereotypes?

A good bet is a lack of confidence in our individual preferences and tastes. We all want to be "right" or "in style," whatever that style may be. People are too timid to express themselves in a secure way to separate what is "in" from what may be right for them.

Too often the result is conformity and sterility which totals a lack of individuality. When you reflect on the homes you frequented several years ago and the homes you are in and out of today, you probably notice a mass production appearance in much of the furnishings.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNER adjusts spaces so they have visu-

al meaning for the individual. Space should raise questions and issues.

Some designers today tell things down to the lowest common denominator so that people can occupy space without thinking. Living rooms shouldn't have to remain blah, unchallenging places.

A lot of people who own fine china, linens and silver hide them covered with plastic to preserve them. Wedding gifts are packed away for 25 years and not enjoyed on a daily basis. What good is a beautiful cutglass vase if it's always under wraps in a closet? Why worry unnecessarily that these treasures will be broken or stolen? The greater concern is that they gather dust and cheat us of pleasure.

Put into the environment what is important

to you. Never mind about the rules of decorating and what other people will think. Start out by adding just one little thing to your environment that is personal to you, correct or not. It

may be a memento you bought on a recent trip. Not only will you be able to modify the spaces around you by breaking some of the guidelines we're taught, you'll give others a fresh cue of what

you are about. And you might be surprised what you may find out when you explore what has meaning to you.

Surround yourself with what is happening in life.

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN for the Special Election to be held on Monday, March 26, 1979

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Election for Schoolcraft Community College District will be held in said School District on Monday, March 26, 1979.

Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, provides in part as follows: "The inspectors of election at an annual or special election shall not receive the vote of a person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city or township in which the person resides..."

The last day for receiving registrations for special election will be Monday, February 26, 1979. Persons registering after 5 o'clock p.m., on Monday, February 26, 1979, will not be eligible to vote at the special election. Persons planning to register must determine when the City and Township Clerk's Offices will be open for registration.

Under the provisions of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, registrations will not be taken by school officials, and only persons who have registered as general electors with the appropriate City or Township Clerk of the City and Township in which they reside, or through registration at a Secretary of State drivers license bureau, are registered school electors.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors at the special election on Monday, March 26, 1979:

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YES ☐
NO ☐

BARRY M. SHERMAN
Secretary, Board of Education

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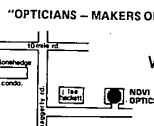
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