

Planned Parenthood League

Holiday mart begins with preview

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September is fleeing — can Christmas be far behind? If you don't believe it, add up the number of gift catalogs that are beginning to arrive in the mail.

Intriguing though these catalogs are, none can beat the advantages of actually seeing the merchandise that you are buying to give as holiday presents. The fact that the purchase of a gift will also benefit a deserving agency or worthwhile community service is icing on the cake.

Detroit's Planned Parenthood League recognized the value of the concept of combining a benefit with shopping for Christmas gifts 21 years ago. And, from their observations came the annual Holiday Mart, a three-day sale of merchandise that League members culled from some of the most unique shops, stores and boutiques across the nation.

It wasn't long before the sales, staged for years at the Veterans Memorial, became known as trend-setters, the bellwethers of what would shortly be the most sought after gift items. Who can forget the year when potted cabbages imported from California were a hot selling item? Or the year Detroit

discovered blazers made of heirloom quilts?

The 1978 sale is now scheduled for Oct. 2-4 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. As usual the collection of merchandise reflects the League's determination to keep bringing unusual gift-giving ideas to the Detroit market.

On the list are another California import, toys designed exclusively for men, plus high-flying kites brought to town from Massachusetts. The local market is responsible for 200 decorative telephone phones. All told, there will be 20 shops at the sale, some of which come from Scottsdale, Ariz., Palm Beach, Fla., Greenwich, Conn., and Charlottesville, Va.

Area customers, who like to browse in unusual antique, clothing, stationery, accessory, sportswear, craft and import shops, but don't want to make the trek to Grosse Pointe, will be taking advantage of an Oct. 4 package shopping and luncheon trip that is currently being organized by Birmingham's Community House.

Included in the \$20 ticket price will be a round-trip bus tour that will leave The Community House at 9 a.m. The tour will stop after the sale at the Detroit Yacht Club where luncheon reservations

have been made for four participants.

The sale will open on Oct. 2 with preview sale and party for patrons and sponsors from 5:30-8:30 p.m. It will be open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 3, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 4.

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to Planned Parenthood League programs which include counseling and medical screening for childless couples, pregnancy counseling, disease detection, community education and counseling for teenagers.

The latter programs, an agency spokesperson explained, are aimed at an estimated two million unmarried women between the ages of 15-19 who are in need of contraceptive services. Of that number about one-fifth or one-third are currently being counseled by organized family planning programs.

To participate in The Community House day tour to the Holiday Mart contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, or call 644-5832.

'Cope' is designed for the busy woman

"Cope," specialized programs to meet personal needs of women, are offered in the fall line-up of classes and events in Northwest Branch YWCA. The branch is located at 25940 Grand River.

A program for post-mastectomy patients begins at 1 p.m. on Thursdays. A specialized exercise class for women with back problems is available on Thursday mornings. These with arthritis and physical handicaps can find therapeutic value in the aqua-gym sessions Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, or Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Exercises for expectant mothers is offered on Thursday evenings to strengthen and tone muscles used during childbirth.

Exercises and diet offered on Saturdays includes exercises to music, plus emphasis on diet and nutrition, as well as spot exercises.

On Thursday evenings GAIN (Groups About Individual Needs) meets to discuss personal concerns which need improving. The Satellite Support Group addresses itself to women who are dealing with family or friends who have problems such as alcoholism, senility or anxiety.

A special class in financial planning, on Thursday evenings, gives insights into the stock market, real estate, and other means of gaining financial independence.

And free mental health counseling is available in cooperation with Redford Information and Counseling Center. Appointments are made by calling the Y.

Full information on classes specifically designed for the busy women are to be addressed to the Y's Cope Department, 537-8500.

The YWCA is a Torch Drive Agency.

Ceramic artists receive awards

Two area ceramic artists, Marie Woo of Birmingham and John Glick of Farmington, won awards in Beaux Arts Designer/Craftsman '79 in Columbus, Ohio.

This tenth annual juried exhibition for designer craftsmen is sponsored by the Columbus Museum of Art.

Ms. Woo won a ceramics award for her porcelain pot with cover and plate and Glick received the functional ceramics award for a stoneware tea set.

The show opened last week and will run through Nov. 4. It is an exhibition of contemporary crafts created in the past two years by artists living in an

11-state area.

The 338 objects in the show (202 artists) include ceramics, enamels, fiber, glass, metal, mixed media, paper, and wood. The exhibition provides approximately \$7,000 in awards and purchase funds to individual artists.

From a field of 1,300 slide entries the jurors selected 581 objects to be delivered for review and from which the jurors selected the exhibition pieces and designated the awards.

Jurors were: Albert Paley, metals artist, Rochester, N. Y.; Lenore Davis, fiber artist, Newport, Ky.; Val Cushing, ceramic artist, Alfred, N.Y.

Mineral specimens displayed

Recent acquisitions to one of the five finest mineral collections in North America will be displayed in the Cranbrook Institute of Science mineral hall during an open house Sept. 23 from 2-4 p.m.

Highlight will be the newly-completed miniature mineral room where 170 specimens donated by Kathryn Alden Schneek are on permanent display. A miniature mineral is one that can be

contained within a two-inch cube.

Michigan Mineralogical Society (MMS) members will be present to answer questions about mineralogy, geology and lapidary techniques.

Special guest will be Lansing MMS member John Passareau, who will describe techniques he uses to photograph micromount specimens through a 20/160 microscope. Eight of his color prints will be exhibited.

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This week is "Better Business Bureau Week" in Detroit and we think it's an appropriate time to rededicate ourselves to our task. And to invite you to continue using us for your own good.

Permit us to tell you a little about ourselves. We've been sifting through the old apple barrel in Detroit for over 60 years now. Currently, over 2,000 businesses in Metropolitan Detroit are members of the Bureau. And it's working; we successfully resolve literally thousands of disputes annually between customers and businesses and between business people themselves.

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