



## Trinkets, trucks zoom into bazaar

A redwood trailer cannonballed into town the other day.

It was followed by redwood cars and wreckers. Their wooden wheels gleamed and their hinges gave nary a squeak.

They are the creations of Ron and Gerry Powell of West Bloomfield. The next stop for the redwood convoy is the Farmington Jayettes Fall Arts and Craft Sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 17 in Farmington High School on Shiawassee near Orchard Lake Road.

The Powells' cars and trucks are handcrafted in their home workshop. It's a family project. Powell operates the power tools which cut the redwood into imaginary 16-wheelers and sleek sports cars. Mrs. Powell helps finish the wood.

Another handcrafted wooden present which will take its place alongside the cars and trucks is aimed at a more adult audience.

Cliff Engerer and Bill Maloney used a trip to Florida to inspire them to make clocks from cypress wood. The sprawling wooden shapes are given a gold inset clock face with works which the pair buy ready-made.

To show off the grain of the cypress wood, the duo pour three thick coats of lacquer over each piece, giving it a glossy finish.

For simpler presents with a distinct holiday touch, there are bread dough wreaths and rag wreaths made by Susan Murphy of Farmington.

MS. MURPHY'S bread dough wreaths are smaller than others on the market, but they are done with loving details.

Tiny strawberries with even tinier leaves are tucked into the wreaths along with tiny apples and other holiday fruit. The bread dough wreath is baked to harden it and then glazed to preserve it.

Along with the bread dough creations, Ms. Murphy chose for this show, her first, a collection of cloth wreaths. The holiday patterned cloth is braided into a cheerful looking wreath rife with yellows, blues and reds. It's topped off with a red and white polka-dotted bow for that extra holiday touch.

For the Christmas tree, there are needlepoint ornaments in the shape of gingerbread men, snow covered churches and gingerbread houses.

The needlepoint world was created by Linda MacDougall of Farmington. To compliment her collection of needlepoint grandmothers and elves, there are needlepoint bell pulls which spell out appropriate seasons greetings.

In addition there will be collections of ceramics, macrame, crochet, dolls, puppets, stained glass and dried flower arrangement at the Jayettes' sale.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward financing community projects the group is involved in continuing.

## Here come the trucks

Those redwood beauties aren't ready for a test run on I-275 but they might find a place under a Christmas tree. Made by Gerry and Ron Powell, the trucks are part of the Jayettes fall sale. If needlepoint rings your chimes, Linda MacDougall (below) will be on hand with bell pulls and Christmas ornaments in needlepoint.



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