

The lively needle

So glad we asked you

By MARY KAY DAVIS

Publishing a questionnaire, I've decided, is a sure cure for the blues. Your answers were intriguing, but it was the notes that many of you added that warmed the cockles of my heart. Thank you, one and all. It's nice to meet my audience.

Many questionnaires were received and your answers agree to an amazing extent. Here are some of the results:

Three-fourths of you want one-month designs, in addition to mini-lessons of one sort or another. The order of preference for mini-lessons was knitting first, followed by cross stitch; equal votes for weaving, ecclesiastical embroidery, and crochet; tating in a tie with surprisingly, write-in votes for needlepoint (I was afraid that I was pushing that one too much), with the least interest shown in lace-making.

TWO-THIRDS of you want more how-to directions so that you can finish and display your textiles instead of paying someone else to do it for you.

Half of you want more humor, along with a continued coverage of the textile news in your communities.

Approximately 40 percent want more information on textile preservation and display.

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One-third of you are interested in consumerism and getting the best materials for your money. You also want guest experts to write an occasional column. Whether the silent two-thirds are satisfied with my writing, or view the "experts" as pigs in pokes isn't clear. Let's try a few guests and see how it goes.

ON THE NEGATIVE side, thumbs flew down over the costume columns. Nobody voted for the history of fashion and 25 percent of you crossed it out. So

no more wigs and bustles unless there's a ground swell that hasn't surfaced, yet.

All in all, you seem to want to be taught to do things yourself instead of being fed tidbits of information. The Lively Needle will oblige in the months ahead.

Many of you included questions with your replies. I can answer some here but, sadly, not most of them. I can't recommend one particular shop or finisher over another; I'd be ridden out of town on a blocking board.

But you voice a legitimate concern. Where can you find blockers, finishers and framers whose work is good and whose prices are reasonable? We'll approach the problem in two different ways.

FUTURE COLUMNS will tell you how to do these tasks yourself. And if that doesn't appeal to you, we'll tell you how to judge the excellence of a workman or a shop, and how to recognize and cope with bad craftsmanship when you encounter it. Forewarned is forearmed.

If some of you disagree with the results of this survey and would like to make your objections heard, write The Lively Needle, P.O. Box 1077, Birmingham, 48012.

Cardiac care program offered nurses

"Cardiac Surgery: Diagnosis Through Recovery," will be presented by the professional nursing committee of the Michigan Heart Association, June 21-22 at the Sheraton Southfield Inn.

A program for nurses, it will include discussion on holter monitoring and stress testing, echocardiograms and phonocardiograms, myocardial imaging, recent advances in cardiac surgery and immediate postoperative nursing care.

Speakers will include James L. Beck, chairman of the department of cardiology at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital; Dr. Seymour Gordon, director of the division of cardiovascular disease at Wil-

liam Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak; and Dr. Darlene Pink-Bennett, department of nuclear medicine at Beaumont Hospital.

Application has been made to the Michigan Nurses Association for 12 hours of Continuing Education units credit.

Pianist in concert

Pianist Rudolf Serkin will join the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for three performances on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

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**MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT** — The Institute of Cultural Affairs in Detroit is looking for a volunteer handyman who is able to assess needs for repairs, purchase supplies, and make the repairs, whether plumbing, electrical, carpentry or painting. This is a

**FEEDING AIDES** — There is an urgent need at Wing Lake Developmental Center, Birmingham, for volunteers to assist the staff in feeding lunch to handicapped children. This commitment would last until the end of the school year. Hours are 11:30-1:00.

**BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS** — Friendship between a volunteer and a child from a single parent family is the goal of this program. The volunteer must be a responsible adult able to make a long-term commitment to a child aged 6-15.

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