

# A clock may tell more than time

Turning the clocks forward to daylight time provided inspiration for this column.

How often are clocks mentioned or thought of as part of a decorating scheme? The pulse of our busy lives is kept to the tick of the clock. We often change wrist-watches to coordinate with our wardrobes, one for every day, another for formal occasions.

Is a clock an accessory as well as a necessity? Indeed it is. So why not give more importance to the kind of clock we use in each room? Without question, there is a world of decorative clocks available, some of which actually control the pulse of the environment.

There are two kinds of clocks — and they serve two purposes — utilitarian and aesthetic. Useful clocks are for the bedroom or the kitchen, they are often electric and probably have plastic cases. They have alarms to wake you up or signal when the roast is done. You buy the least obnoxious useful clock you can find and your only concern is that it tells you the time.

BUT WHAT ABOUT the other rooms, dining room, and living room, where the clocks are wood or brass and

have been bought for their beauty and value. The clocks for these rooms are not bought primarily as timekeepers but for decorative purposes.

No piece of furniture is totally independent, except a clock. Other pieces of furniture need other furnishings to accompany them. Not so with a clock.

Clocks can be charming with great animation and highly individual personalities. They possess an aura of fascination to which few people are immune, and they can be expressive of your lifestyle.

The type of clock you own and the room in which it's used tells more about you than color schemes or furnishings. And clocks always make excellent gifts. Another timepiece added to a home is never too many and always a welcome addition.

CLOCKS TELL a great deal about a society. The early French clocks with their showy, imitation gold mosaic inlays and cherubs and garlands convey a frivolity almost unrelated to time.

Some of the early 19th century Japanese clocks were vertical and had movable figures so that the owner could adjust the time according to the length of

the day from sunup to sundown rather than by precise hours. Years from now, people may look at today's modern American clocks with their abstract faces, and suspect we were a generation which didn't care to be reminded of the passing of time.

Clocks can enhance, even establish the mood of a room or a home. They have the ability to inject life into an area. If you stop to think about it, have you ever walked into a room that had a clock ticking?

Nearing the tick of the clock makes a room seem a lot warmer than walking into a perfectly still room. Type of tick will affect your mood. A room with a tiny table clock that ticks away like the panting of a poodle connotes a high-strung atmosphere. On the other hand, the measured sweep of a ponderous pendulum conveys a great sense of security and permanence.

Clock sounds are very impressive, some click-clack and others sound very determined. Some will remind you of days spent in your grandparents' home. If you close your eyes, you can see the clock on the mantle, the plush velvet chairs, the oriental rugs scattered around the house and almost hear the

# Decorators shine at show house

The Birmingham Community House has scheduled tours to the Decorators Show House Thursday, May 8, and Tuesday, May 13, in Grosse Pointe Shores. A chartered bus will take the group to see the efforts of more than 20 interior decorators, artists and fine shops. The Show House is the project of the Junior League of Detroit.

Following the tour, arrangements have been made for lunch at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The show house, which commands an impressive view of Lake St. Clair, was completed in 1957 and is a harmonious blending of the old and the new.

The contemporary flavor of the house's exterior or gives way to more traditional interior appointments, including marble and parquet floors, antique European fireplaces, and large, graciously proportioned rooms enriched with fine architectural detail.

On the main floor, the garden room is complete with an aviary and overlooks a small private garden. The lake room, and its expanse of windows, offers a panoramic view of Lake St. Clair. In the main hall, a dramatic staircase leads to the second floor with its impressive master suite, one of more than 25 areas which have been professionally decorated.

A SPECIAL art area in

the home includes works from Bonnie Perkins, photographer, Margaret A. Lehman, Lee McKinley Inc. and Donald Schrom, while the master bedroom in the gracious home has been decorated by John Mitchell Associates Interiors. Persnickety Pedlar has decorated the adjoining bath and dressing room, with additional baths and dressing rooms completely redecorated by Nettie Creek Shop and Peach Street Interiors.

The interesting upstairs balcony will reflect the work of Your Favorite Things, with a special teenage girl's bedroom and bath finished by W.M. Burns Ltd. Even Pewabic Pottery has added creative touches to the home, along with many other decorators. Furniture and accessories throughout the house will be offered for sale, as will original gift items in the Junior League Boutique. A variety of fresh plants will also be available in the greenery.

Reservations for the tours, on either date, are being accepted now at the Community House, Bates and Townsend. The entertainment package of \$21 per person, includes admission tickets to the 1980 Decorators' Show House, lunch at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and round-trip transportation. Call 644-5832, for information.

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