



Pat Bordman

Put water in your pail of tricks



With water, youngsters can paint anything, anywhere without fear of damage. (Photo by Pat Bordman)

What about a game of dots? Just keep 'em busy. Sometimes that seems to be the goal of parenting. Just get through the day. Find something to do when there's nothing to do.

When you're out of patience, and there are no more creative ideas in your pail of tricks, just fill it with water! Fill a pail with water, take out some old paint brushes, and let your child go to work.

Paint the drive, paint the walk, the stairs, the porch, the bricks, the swing set, the lawn furniture. All with absolutely no worry of damage, for, as we know, it just evaporates.

Tic-Tac-Toe can be painted on the drive. Hurry — play before it evaporates. On the walk a hopscotch. Can you jump before it's gone?

For our often literal little ones, this painting experience is as real as anything put down on canvas for posterity. They enjoy the same feeling of creativity, the same intensity of purpose as any artist engaged in serious craftsmanship.

The difference is that a child doesn't care about preserving the finished product. For a child, it is the doing that is important. Exploring the materials and the way they are used is more meaningful to a child than the canvas that lasts forever.

The absorption is so complete, you may even hear, "Mommy, what color do you think it will be when it's dry?" Then, after exploring this intriguing question with your child, thinned water paints can be added to the sidewalk painting fun.

When the novelty of water painting has worn off, give your children some colored chalk and let them see how it works on wet cement. The results are pleasing. The art work can be hoisted away or left for the rains to take care of.

Mrs. Bordman welcomes suggestions and comments. Please write her c/o the Observer-Eclectic Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia 48150.

volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Community Services, has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities.

Further information about these and other volunteer needs at more than 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the bureau.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT volunteers are needed to make public contact survey work by phone. This position includes typing and answering phones. Public contact experience is helpful as is interest in current politics.

procedures. Filing and recording registration information is also involved. No training is necessary. The time commitment is one day per week for six weeks starting Sept. 10.

MUSEUM GUIDE Help preserve the history of Troy. Volunteers are needed at the Troy Museum to guide visitors through the museum, Caswell House and the Print Shop. A person with interests in history or antiques is preferred. No previous training is necessary. The time commitment is two to four hours Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday afternoon.

REGISTRATION ASSISTANT A volunteer who likes children is needed by the Southfield Public Schools to register children and to supply information concerning courses and registration

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This year's winner Anderson chose a Jasper Secretary; Redmer, a Braeview chest; the Lorenz family, a Colonial Grandfather clock; Berridge, a Kling Armoire; and Wilburn, a Simmons sofa bed.

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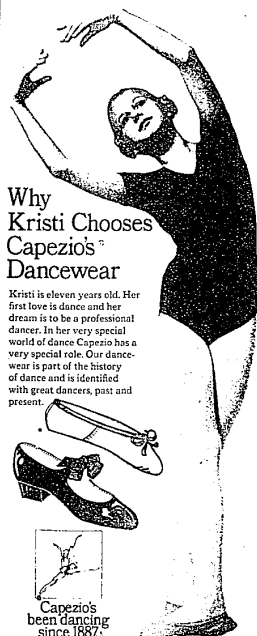


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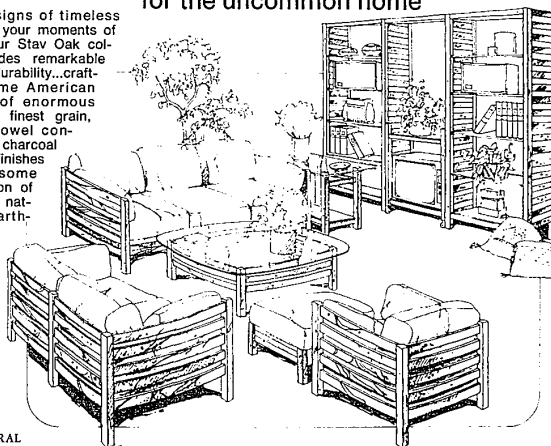
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