

Porcelain painting her panacea

Marie Woehrlé grew up admiring the hand-painted porcelain her aunt produced at the turn of the century, so it's only natural the Berkley woman would be practicing and teaching the art today.

Surrounded by dishes decorated with hand-painted birds, delicate pastel flowers, and life-like fruits and vegetables, Mrs. Woehrlé demonstrated her art last week at Somerset Mall.

"It's like quilting or anything else," she says of the seemingly exacting craft. "It takes a little time and patience but it's worth it."

GREAT DRAWING ability is not re-

quired, says Mrs. Woehrlé, who adds she can teach aspiring painters all they need to know to produce a gift at the end of a 10-week course.

Mrs. Woehrlé started spreading her craft 12 years ago by teaching friends who had admired her work. "They liked what I did and they wanted some. Once they started doing it, they appreciated it more," she explains.

For several years after she started painting, she never sold her work. "I really don't like to sell my work that much. I'd rather paint and let other people learn it."

She later branched out into teaching adult education and other courses. She

has taught all ages, from high school students to senior citizens. Seniors like the craft because "it gives them something to do and it makes them feel good."

IT'S NOT AS expensive a hobby as it may seem, she says. A painted dish, which takes her from six to nine hours to produce, makes a good gift. Besides, it is a good creative outlet.

Mrs. Woehrlé is teaching a 10-week course in the lower level auditorium at Somerset Mall. Classes, which run from Sept. 16 to Nov. 25, are taught Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



MARIE WOEHRLÉ

Honk if you like bluegrass

The bluegrass festival at Greenmead, Livonia's historical site at Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, drew both the young and the old. Here, the very young 14-month-old Matthew Valentino grabs a convenient handle while his dad, Gary, tries to snooze during the five hours of continuous music that drew upwards of 5,000 persons to the 103-acre historical farm. The Valentinos made the trip from Commerce Township. (Staff photo by Bill Bresler)

Class to help MS families

A free home-care program geared for persons caring for multiple sclerosis patients will begin Sept. 15.

The two-hour sessions will continue for eight weeks. Sponsors are the Metro-Detroit Branch Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the American Red Cross.

Professionals will discuss the disease, the psychology of MS, home nursing techniques, nutrition, physical and

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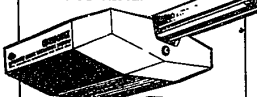
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