

Monday's TV viewing: from food to sculpture



Isamu Noguchi, standing in front of his Dodge Fountain at Hart Plaza, is the subject of an hour-long TV documentary at 9 p.m. Monday on Channel 56.

It's not too soon to think of Thanksgiving dinner. For that family celebration at home, the first of the most-coveted meals are being offered by "Viewpoint" on WXON-TV, Channel 20.

Debbi Husong, host of the new public affairs show, filmed a week's worth of shows (her usual practice) in one day, Tuesday, at Somerset Mall in Troy.

To bring the show to the attention of the public, Ms. Husong is taking it to shopping malls throughout metropolitan Detroit.

I appeared as co-host with Ms. Husong on the Thanksgiving dinner show, taped in three 10-minute segments. Both of us had lots to learn from Marsha Skarside, who demonstrated cooking with the help of Julie Ann Patsalis,

co-owner of Kitchen Glamor and manager of the new branch at Somerset Mall.

TAPING THE Thanksgiving dinner from start to finish took a couple of hours, from setting up the cameras to waiting for the sun to rise above the skylight and for a balky tabletop burner to be refueled during the cooking demonstration.

"Viewpoint" is seen weekdays at 6:30 a.m., as well as at 7 p.m. Sundays. Preparation of Thanksgiving dinner — from turkey with stuffing, a Brussels-sprouts side dish, fluted potatoes, a cranberry mold and pumpkin-mince pie — will be aired Monday at 6:30 p.m. The show will be re-run at 7 p.m. Nov. 23, just in time to be a reminder for holiday feasts.



Ethel Simmons

Recipes will be available from Kitchen Glamor. The show also includes hints on what to do with leftovers — prepare other dishes at the same time and freeze them for later use during the holidays.

Ms. Husong said "Viewpoint" is in its fourth week. Off camera she is excited about how the tapings are going, but on the air she displays a bright, professional manner.

IF YOU WANT to know more about Isamu Noguchi, the sculptor who designed Dodge Fountain in downtown Detroit's Hart Plaza, a one-hour documentary on his life and work will be shown at 9 p.m. Monday on WTVS, Channel 56.

Up close, the Dodge Fountain may loom overlarge, when you're strolling the plaza, but on film with the Renaissance Center in the background, it takes on a magnificent perspective. Metro Detroiters who shake their

heads at the "doughnut" will be visibly impressed when they see the scope of Noguchi's art. The 76-year-old Japanese-American master of 20th century sculpture has studios in Japan and New York. Many of his works are in public places in Europe and America.

The stunning color presentation of Noguchi's work and his philosophy of life was filmed with a grant from the Detroit Renaissance Foundation. The film features scenes of Dodge Fountain and Hart Plaza.

The TV documentary closes with shots taken at one of the summer ethnic festivals at the plaza.

At a press screening of the film last week at the Detroit Institute of Arts, it was learned that the reason Dodge Fountain hasn't been spouting its many-splendored configurations lately is because someone stuffed blue jeans and other stuff into the drain. A new, stronger grating is expected to keep Dodge Fountain gushing in the future.



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