

Landscape's ugliest to earn onion award

What do you say to an ugly building? Give it an onion.

The Orchids and Onions Awards, sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), invited public feedback.

To find out what the awards for local architecture and design, good and bad, will be given.

The purpose is to encourage good planning or landscaping, or good taste in public signs might by giving out orchid awards. Onion awards might be presented for a shopping center with-

out landscaping, a distracting mural along a highway or a monstrosity which spoils the architectural quality of an area.

"We hope the Orchids & Onions program will bring the community together to give our neighbors an opportunity to have a say in the appearance of their environment," said Brian Collins, president of ASID.

"Onions give the public an opportunity to register protest against unsightliness," he continued. "In some cases, the onion award has provided impetus for

change. In the Chicago metropolitan Orchids & Onions program, an oil company research center was cited for an ugly sign. The firm redesigned the sign and subsequently was awarded an orchid."

The Orchids & Onions program is organized in 1971 by the Western Community Architects' Association, which is affiliated with the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Similar programs are underway in Birmingham, Ala., Miami, Fla., and San Diego.

Public ballots are available through Sept. 27 at shopping centers, public libraries and the ASID offices in the Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive, Troy.

Other agencies supporting the contest in this area are the Environmental

Arts Advisory Committee of Michigan Council for the Arts, American Society of Landscape Architects and Designers Lighting Forum.

The sponsoring organizations will be represented on the jury along with representatives of the public and press. The award winners will be announced at an awards brunch Oct. 23 at Edsel and Eleanor Ford house.

Voting categories include graphic design and signage, interior design in public buildings, landscape architecture, historical redevelopment projects, environmental planning, energy conservation and planning solutions.

For information, contact Orchids & Onions, 29145 Telegraph, Southfield, 48034, or call 563-3212.

The congregation of Detroit Church, which has been meeting in rented facilities in the Farmington area for the past four years, is now assembling for services at the former Farmington YMCA, 42100 Farmington Road.

"We are an independent Baptist congregation," said Pastor Ben J. Mott, Jr.

"The church belongs to no association, convention or denominational union. The church owns no head but the Lord Jesus Christ."

The Lord Jesus gives the terms for the faith and practice of His church to His word," Mott said, referring to II Timothy 3:16.

"Hence the Detroit Church uses as its articles of faith and rules of church policy only the Scriptures."

Mott said he feels it is his responsibility to exemplify and teach according to I Timothy 4:11-12 and II Timothy

4:2.

"What saith the Scripture?" he asks.

"This should be the thrust of every church and pastor. If your interest lies here, our services should be a blessing for you."

The church takes its name from the number of congregants it draws from the Detroit area.

Mott will take inquiries at 757-6949.

Independent Baptists meet in Farmington Y

Mechanical engineering degree earned by Ducklow

Diane K. Ducklow took her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering late in August from University of Michigan-Dearborn after working the studies in around being a "full-time mother and housewife," her husband, Clair, said.

"It took the Farmington resident six years to attain the degree, but she already has accepted a job with D.A.B. Industries of Troy. She will begin late this month.

The 36-year-old mother of 15-year-old Christine and 12-year-old Corey, "was definitely in the minority of her graduating class," Clair Ducklow said. "A few other women took mechanical engineering degrees this summer, but

they were all a lot younger than she," said.

Diane Ducklow had completed two years toward a teaching degree at University of Wisconsin before that education was interrupted for marriage and motherhood.

"There wasn't much there she could transfer over to use in the engineering department," her husband said. "She pretty much had to start all over again."

Ducklow said he felt "pretty good" about his wife getting a job so quickly.

"When I started looking for my first job I was interviewing all over the country. Because of the children at home, she was confined to a rather tight geographic area," he said.

Home furnishings shown

The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and National Home Fashions League (NHF) are combining resources to present "Fabulous Furniture," a two-day furniture and textile fest featuring ten rooms of designer furnishings and accessories, Sept. 10-12.

Visitors will see a custom-made lacquered wallpaper dining table, jacquard upholstered bed floating on a plinth, Indonesian batik painting, and a

dove gray suede cloth art deco chair. Gathered from the Michigan Design Center showrooms, retailers, design studios and manufacturers' displays, the pieces in the showrooms have been marked down to 50 percent.

"Fabulous Finds" will be staged at Our Warehouse, 1955 Grand River, in Detroit, at Outer Drive, Friday, from noon-8 p.m.; Saturday, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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