



## Funschool

Youngstors learning the ways of the computer (at left), learning English as a second language (above) and creating pottery, (at right) are but three of the courses offered in Fantastic Funschool. Brush-up skills in academics are supplemented this year with a wid-variety of enrichment courses that continue in one- and two-week sessions through July 17 in Ten Mile Community School, on to Mile, east of Farmington Road. Registrations are taken in the school, or calling 474-5233.



## Moving beyond functional into realm of aesthetics

ABIT of New York was created this month at Madelaine's in Bloomfield Plaza when owner Elaine Seltzer presented a fall fashion show for her customers and

nanion show for ner customers and friends.
With help from fashlon manikin-turned-producer Harriett Fuller, the shop was transformed into a showroom setting complete with little white chairs and mini runways. This rettle-ment producing backdrop was the fo-

rum for the fall collection of designer Tracy Mills, who flew in from New York especially to meet Madelaine's customers and explain the romantic qualities of his designs.

ALTHOUGH Mills was born in Cali-fornia, he grew up in the South. Its ex-tensive education and experience in the world of fashion include winning a scholarship to the Fashion Institute of Technology followed by four years de-

signing sportswear on Seventh Avenue.
Mills then left America to apprentice
with some of the major couture houses
in Europe. When he returned to the U.S.
he realized he had to go into business
for himself in order to achieve the level
of artistic and administrative freedom
he desired.
The result has been a business that is
10 years old and known as one of the
most Imaginative. His clothes are worn
by ambassadors wives as well as wom-

en seen accompanied by senators, movie and television stars.
Mills dresses move beyond the functional into a realm of decorative aesthetics, fashion mavens explain. Tho designs frequently are chosen by essmetic companies which feature his work in their national print and film campaigns. His clothes are favorites with such prestigious houses as Estee Lauder, Elizabeth Arden and Aramis.

AT MADELAINE'S, the highlights of the showing included a group of jewel-

tone day dresses with black sutash em-broidery. Also, a one-piece wool crepe tunic worn over a pleated skirt, as well as entrance-making bright taffeta cocktall dresses and gold sequin party clothes

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"I believe that fashlon is not about a neckline or a hern length," says Mills. "It's an attitude, an attitude which is young and daring."
He admits his major influence comes from "the most incredibly glamorous period from Art Deco through World War II."

ADDING GLAUNG to mist sanon spectacular was a jeweiry designer and artist Virginia Seitz, whose artistic work is sold locally only at Madelaine's.

"My pleces are all garlands for elegant gypsys. Everything is tilled and all are hand-created works of art," says Saltz.

Most of Seltz's previous showings have been in art galleries. An Ohio designer, Seltz uses unusual beads and stones collected during trips

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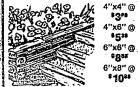


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