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Bows and hearts grace the Christmas tree which will be delivered to children at the Sarah Fisher home on Dec. 21. There'll be plenty of gifts to go under the tree.

Holiday Ideas New ways to spruce up table and tree

Christmas ornament buyers are offered two for the price of one this month. One ornament is for their own tree, and the other is to hang on a tree for children in Sarah Fisher Home.

"I wish it had more on it . . . but it will be loaded by Dec. 21," said Sherry Roley, speaking of the date of delivery residents in the home have been told they can expect the arrival of their tree.

Roley, owner and operator of Country Flowers & Gifts, is doing double duty operating the Holiday Idea Shop that is a conglomerate of items and ideas stocked by half-a-dozen merchants in Muirwood Square.

"The vendors are cooperating with our venture to help make Christmas happier for the children in Sarah Fisher Home and gave us the two-for-one price. Any profit we make from the ornaments will be matched by the merchants and used to buy presents on the children's wish-list," Roley said. "After the tree is delivered we start the gift shopping."

Roley set the theme for the tree for buyers to choose their ornament for the red hearts, bows and variety of caricatured animal figures that will adorn the tree.

The tree for Sarah Fisher residents is but one of 10 Roley has set the theme for this year on display in Holiday Idea Shop, as well as in Country Flowers & Gifts.

In addition to those trees, Roley was selected by her professional society to decorate the pool restaurant, the largest of the areas decorated in Fairlane this season.

ALL OF THE trees on display in Muirwood Square, aimed to give shoppers some new holiday ideas, have a different theme, and the majority of them are decorated with handmade items created by Country Flowers & Gifts.

For more holiday ideas, the designers have created numerous table settings, with easy-to-put-together center-

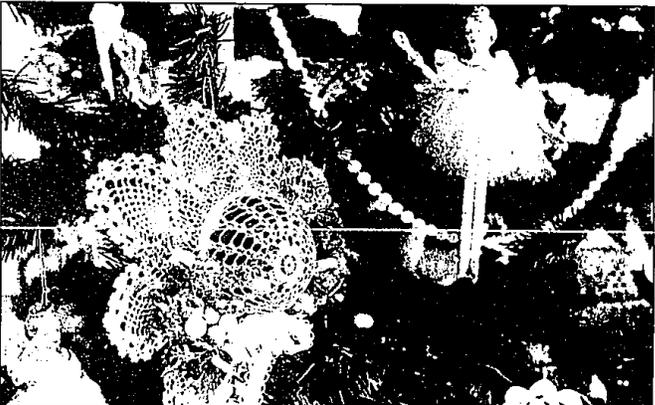
pieces that run from traditional to modern, or carry a theme.

Visitors can register for a free drawing, and purchaser's youngsters are invited to sit atop an old-fashioned wooden rocking horse for a free photo.

Free drop-in workshops have been going on for the past couple of weeks. Centerpieces made from fresh greens is the next workshop on the schedule.

Visitors can watch the demonstrations 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18 in the shop within the square on Grand River and Drake.

There are now 60 resident children in Sarah Fisher Home. The home on Inkster and 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills also cares for abused mothers and children on a daily basis.



Ornaments, including "The Dolly" shown above, would be a beautiful addition to any Christmas tree.



Sherry Roley, owner of the Holiday Idea Shop, sets a table for the holidays.

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Detroit market lures Hills artist

The work of Farmington Hills resident Ted Striewski is included in the Detroit Artists Market annual holiday show at 1452 Randolph in downtown Detroit's Harmonie Park.

Items in the show are available for purchase and are priced for every budget. The selection includes gift items, practical gifts for the home and personal gifts of jewelry and clothing.



Ted Striewski Farmington Hills artist

Handmade articles for home decorating include woven placemats, blankets, a wide variety of baskets, baking dishes, pitchers and vases, and wooden bowls.

A selection of fashion accessories has been chosen by Mary Grimes, the show's curator and the market manager. Included are jewelry of gold, silver, clay and glass; macrame necklaces; antique buttons and beads; hand-painted silk scarves; hand-knit sweaters; clothing of silk and wool; and Pierre Ducel bonded leather portfolio and clutch bags in many colors.

Also available are Christmas ornaments of blown and slumped glass, leaded and acid-etched glass boxes, leaded glass windows, life-size paper-mache animals and "Ex-Detroit" and "Motor City" t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Installation of the Lower Gallery Holiday Show was planned by Tom Maksout and Rick Carmody of Maksout-Carmody Interior Design of Detroit. Curator of the Upper Gallery was Ruth Rattner.

The Detroit Artists Market is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For additional information, call 962-0337.



Lite the holiday skies

The Northern Lites, the vocal jazz-show choir at North Farmington High School, plans a busy holiday season. The group may be heard and seen in North's annual Winter Concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, in the school's Hur Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The Lites also have been invited to sing the National Anthem at an international hockey tournament between U.S. and Swedish teams at 8 p.m. on Dec. 28, a Friday, at the Southfield Civic Center Arena. During the holiday season, the Lites will perform in various school programs, at shopping malls and for community organizations. Joan MacKenzie directs the group.

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