



# Potpourri

## Christmas medley spices up Greenmead

**P**OTPOURRI, BY DEFINITION, is a medley of ingredients with pleasing overtones.

It was an appropriate title for the holiday exhibition now under way at Hill House Museum and the historical village at Greenmead, Livonia's historical site.

The stately 1841-vintage Greek Revival farmhouse is all decked out in holiday finery that speaks of another era and the nostalgic miscellany of those times.

One of the constants, however, is the high level of community involvement behind the transformation.

This year a lot of that energy came from Girl Scouts and Brownies who not only took on the decoration of the centrally located sitting room, but they went on to include a display of dolls and the many ways to say "merry Christmas."

The scouts were members of junior troops 1500, 333, 1572, and brownie troops 945, 579 and 282.

**THE EXHIBIT OF STORYBOOK DOLLS** and those from other countries is from the collection of Margaret Randall.

Parlor decorations recall Greenmead's heyday in the '20s and '30s and were done by the Woman's National Farm and Garden Club of Livonia. The dining room focal point is hand-painted china items by the Northville China Decorators that mingle with fresh greens and other trims. It is in this room that the community Christmas stands trimmed with ornaments donated by various groups and organizations.

The Livonia Arts Commission left nary a corner untrimmed in the cheerful sunroom, which serves as the entrance to the museum. The library got special treatment at the hands of the Livonia Federated Garden Club.

A special display by the Depression Glass Club of Livonia is also one of the highlights as is the decorated first-floor bedroom done by Bartel's Flowers.

The upstairs display area was done by the Hill House Museum Committee. Wreaths to complement the exterior decorations were furnished by Merricraft Florist.

The museum is open for tours during December 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 p.m. The museum will be closed Wednesday Dec. 26. For more information, call the museum office at 477-7375. Greenmead is at the corner of Eight Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.



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Both Habbersett is flanked by antique dolls and toys that are on exhibit in Greenmead's Hill House Museum.



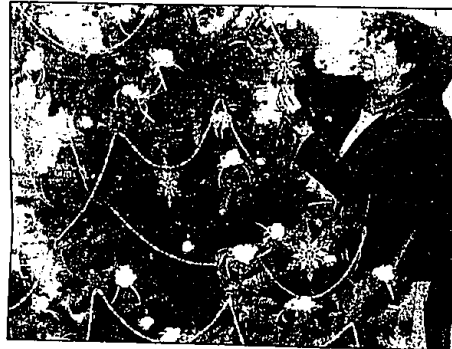
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Chris Baker puts the final touches on a display.



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Scout Jennifer Amman, 7, (left) and Hope Kapture help arrange the special doll exhibit in the sitting room.



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A lacy snowflake is added by Sylvia Garner to one of four trees on display.

## Asthmatics offered infobooklets

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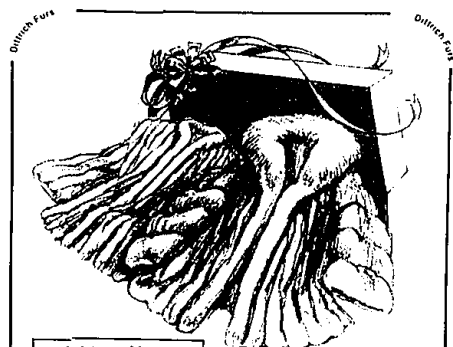
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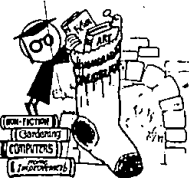
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