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Junior Group Goodwill

Show and sale to benefit the handicapped has all-Michigan theme

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Junior Group Goodwill Industries launched its all-Michigan Antiques Show and Sale this year by winning a blue ribbon at the Michigan State Fair for its dilly bean recipe.

"We've moved our show to the Michigan State Fair Grounds this year so we're going Michigan all the way," said

Mary Jane Watkins, a Farmington Hills resident and president of the group whose members gather from throughout the metropolitan area to work year round for the annual three-day show.

"Gov. and Mrs. (James) Blanchard will be our honorary chairmen. Michigan antiques will be front and center. Cherry and apple pies are on the menu. All of our country store and boutique

items, all of our decorations will accent Michigan," she said.

"Our dilly beans are somewhat of a tradition in our country store, one of the favorites of our homemade items that go up for sale every year, and since we're going to be at the fair grounds in November, featuring our homemade product seemed a good way to get our show under way."

Other than the change of location and its accompanying theme, Anderson of Bingham Farms, the show's chairman, retains the tradition of the show.

The traditional preview party for the group's 38th annual show and sale runs 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7 in the exposition building on the State Fair grounds, at Woodward and Eight Mile. The show continues Friday-Sunday, Nov. 8-10.

TRADITION continues with about 45 antique dealers coming from throughout Michigan to show and sell 18th- and 19th-century American and English furniture, primitives, toys, jewelry, art, clocks, dolls, silver, tin, glass and crystal.

Tradition continues with the Good Will Booth stocked with some of the finest pieces culled from contributions through the year that will go up for sale with budget price tags.

The country store will again be stocked with unusual handmade items and Christmas gifts, candies, cheeses, pecans, homemade jams and jellies, salad dressings, pickles, bakery goods and, of course, dilly beans.

Light lunches and dinners will be offered. Coffee and desserts will be served throughout show hours.

The American country crafters coming to the show this year will be demonstrating stained glass, stenciling, weaving and spinning.

Two books that have been offered for sale by the culinary-minded members of Junior Group Goodwill in the past return with a 1985 edition called "Good Will Potpourri," that will be on sale for the first time during the November sale.

"Good Will Potpourri" has been two years in the making by a committee headed by Lou Davis of Rochester.

The smart-looking 200-page cream and maroon colored book that bears the group's "little red school house" logo lives up to its potpourri name, and contains the blue-ribbon-winning dilly bean recipe.



Among the furs going up for sale in the Goodwill budget-priced booth this year are a mink wrap worn by Mary Jane Watson (at left) of Farmington Hills, a full-length nutria with racoon collar

worn by Joan Scrutton of Livonia, and a full-length mink modeled by Marge Merrick of Redford.

ALL OF THE committee members want it known that the show this year is top heavy with fur coats going up for sale. In the words of Redford resident Mary Lou Miller, "we got a bumper crop this year."

"And all of them have price tags marked less than \$500," said Marge Merrick of Plymouth.

Elly Jorgensen, a member from Farmington Hills who is chair of the exhibitors committee this year, wants it known that the silent auction will be heavy on estate items left to Good Will Industries, many of them from the estate of Jean Taylor Bodkin.

The Junior Group, the women's auxiliary of Goodwill Industries, was founded in 1933 by Taylor-Bodkin to assist physically and mentally handicapped adults who are the clients of Goodwill Industries.

Members assist with one-on-one kinds of activities as well as contributing financial aid for maintenance repairs to buildings, buying equipment for sheltered workshops or, in Watkins' words, "anything that needs doing."

The Antiques Show and Sale represents 12 months of preparation and is the Junior group's major fund-raiser.

Money from last year's show bought a bus that brings clients to Suburban Oakland Life Enrichment Center (SOLEC), a day program for emotionally handicapped persons who are either ready to leave a hospital or who have lived for a time in the community.

The year before that, the show's proceeds paid for the opening of a

"Good Will Potpourri," a collection of recipes submitted by Junior Group Goodwill's culinary-minded members, will go on sale for the first time during the November show and sale. Now cookbooks are published periodically by the group as another money-making effort to help the handicapped help themselves. Lou Davis of Rochester headed the committee of members who compiled the 1985 edition.

GOOD WILL
POTPOURRI



Goodwill resale store that is doing double duty — bringing in money while acting as a training ground for handicapped persons in retailing.

IN ADDITION to canning, baking and creating crafts, amid the general every-year administrative jobs in getting ready for the show, this year the group was faced with "an awful amount of empty space to decorate in the fair grounds' large exhibition hall," said Jerry Wendt, a member from Farmington Hills.

The answer to that came with medieval-type banners decorated with old-

time country fair themes that will hang from the rafters, all handmade by the members.

Potted sapling trees and hot air balloons will complete the decor.

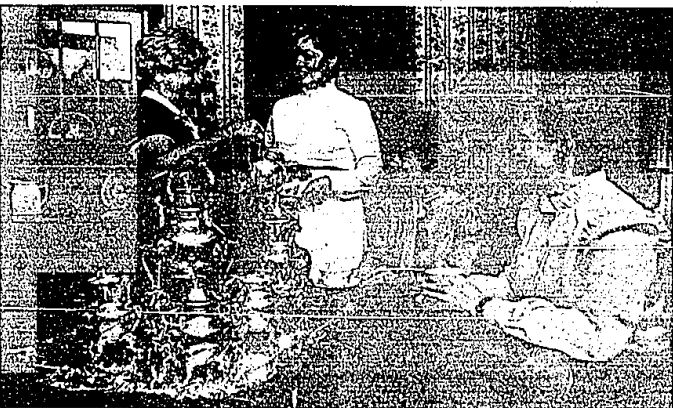
Mrs. Harvey Hudson, a Rochester resident, is handling the ticket sales for the show's wine and music preview Thursday evening. Donation is \$12.50. She can be reached by calling 651-5192. Admission to the show is a donation of \$4 at the door. Groups of 15 or more and seniors will be asked \$3.50.

Show hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.



Some of the behind-the-scenes kitchen workers are Lou Davis (at left) of Rochester, Jo Batherson of Detroit and Joyce Campbell of Birmingham. Davis chaired the committee that compiled "Good Will Potpourri," the Junior Group's newest cookbook.

More than 100 handmade folk banners, each appliqued with folk art figures, will be strung together to decorate the Michigan State Fair Exhibition Building. Checking how they will look when hung are Elly Jorgensen (at left) of Farmington Hills; Helen Lindsey, Jeanette Huston and Lou Davis, all of Rochester. Jorgensen is exhibitors chairman and Huston is taking reservations for the preview party this year.



Jerry Wendt (at left) of Farmington Hills pours tea for the last time from the silver service that was donated to Junior Group Goodwill and next month will be owned by the highest bidder in the

silent auction, a feature of the annual show and sale. With Wendt are Mary Jane Watson, president of the group, Barbara Williamson of Northville and Joan Scrutton of Livonia.



Mary Lou Miller (at left) of Redford models a nutria coat with racoon collar, one of about 30 furs donated for the sale. Above, Donna Anderson of Bingham Farms shows a poplin coat lined with nutria. The Persian lamb with mink collar and cuffs is modeled by Agnes Housler of Westford. Barbara Williamson wears a jacket of curly lamb fashioned with gray suede gussets and belt.