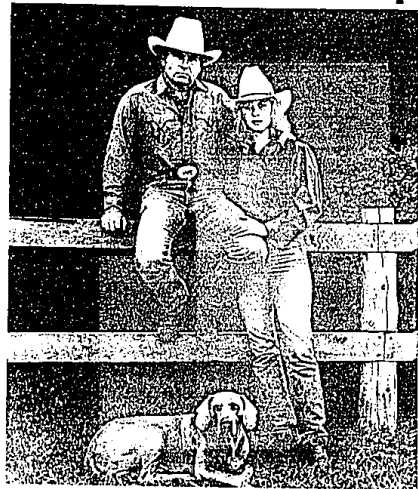




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# Tips for shopping for used equipment



A bargain on a 300mm view camera lens (equivalent to a 90mm telephoto) gave Monte Nagler the ideal focal length with which to photograph wranglers Janice and Rod Bruner and best friend, Luko.

Substantial savings can be made by buying used photo equipment as long as you can distinguish between bargains and problems. The best sources for locating used camera gear are photo stores, classified ads and local photo flea markets.

With simpler items such as tripods, flash units and darkroom accessories (trays, measuring cups and tongs), very little can go wrong, so buying them is a pretty safe bet.

But with cameras and lenses, you need to be more cautious and check them closely. Here are some tips on how to do it.

First, inspect the exterior of the camera you're interested in. A lot can be learned from its general condition. Some wear and tear such as worn corners and marks from neckstrap fittings is normal. But be wary of dents, noticeable scratches or distortion of the camera body. These indicate a dropped or abused camera and more serious damage could be concealed inside.

Look through the viewfinder to ensure that focusing devices and readouts are all clearly visible. Check the battery compartment for any damage from old, corroded batteries. Open the camera back and check for cleanliness. Snap the shutter at all speeds. It should operate smoothly down the scale.

At different ASA settings, check out the meter by using a spare or friend's camera as a reference. Readings should be within one-half stop.

Finally, focus on infinity and look through the viewfinder. Distant objects should be clearly in focus. If not, the lens mount, mirror or focusing screen may be out of alignment.

ANY LENS you're interested in should focus smoothly and the glass should be absolutely free from scratches.

The best time to shop for good used equipment is happening soon. The Detroit area Photorama USA will take place at the Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan Avenue at Greenfield, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Photographers of all descriptions — beginners, professionals, camera collectors and just plain photo buffs will converge on the Civic Center. About 75 dealers will offer new and used cameras, lenses and all kinds of photographic equipment

as well as antique and collectible photographic.

Photorama will offer "live model shoots" with special studio lighting and backdrops. Photographers need only bring their cameras and imagination.

So don't forget Sept. 13 and 14. Good shooting, good times, good conversation and perhaps a new camera and lens. For more information, contact Photorama at 884-2243.

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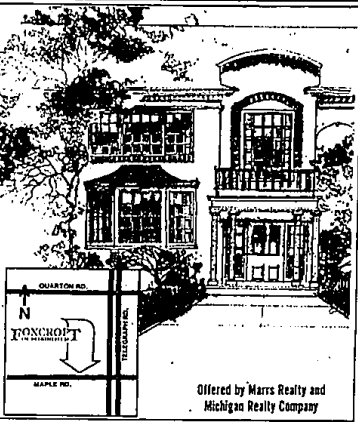
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## Short shots

Monte Nagler's fall photography classes will begin soon. Birmingham area residents may phone the Community House, 644-5832, for registration information on classes that begin Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Farmington area residents should call the Farmington Community Center, 477-8404, for information on the classes there that start on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

## Hosting art series

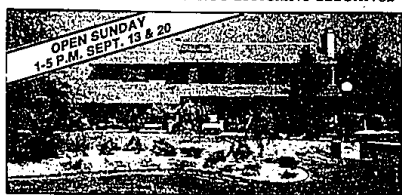
A five-part series, "Arts and Crafts Movement — The Cranbrook Connection," will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday, in Cranbrook House Library.

The series, conducted by Mark Colr, Cranbrook architect, and Marilyn Ross, art historian, will focus on the variety, aesthetic value and historical significance of arts and crafts of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The role that Cranbrook founder George C. Booth and many women artists played will also be covered.

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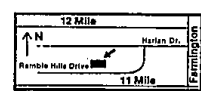
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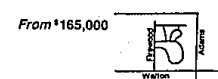
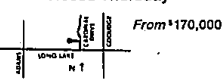
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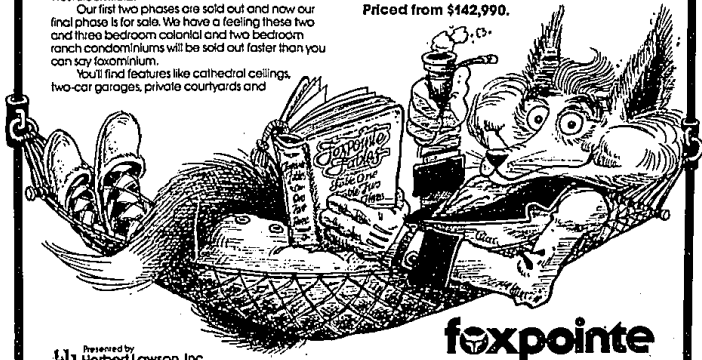
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