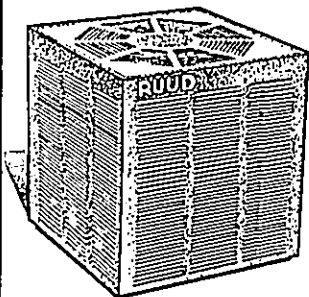


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Arts, crafts abound at Builders Show

Officials for the Builders Home Flowers Show claim the show offers everything for the home, which could just mean a new quilt for your bed.

The show, in Cobo Hall March 19-27, will boast a large arts and crafts section which features many working artisans.

As you stroll through the area, you'll find many popular arts and crafts items, including stained glass sun catchers, painted tinware and trunks, educational toys, pretty punches, hand-made rugs, oil paintings, baskets, silk plants and jewelry, cameo needlepunch, glass etching, bowmaster, personalized license plates, teddy bears, sculptured burlap and doll houses.

Featured prominently will be machine-made quilts—more than 100 of them.

They are the products of Dian Smith and her students from the Dian's Quilt Shop in Plymouth.

Many of the quilts will be for sale—others with more elaborate designs are merely for display.

LAST YEAR SMITH made a queen-sized "Log Cabin" quilt at the show which was raffled off to raise \$3,200 for the Ronald McDonald Houses in Detroit and Ann Arbor.

"Normally, it only takes me 24

hours to complete such a quilt," said Smith. "So I had to stretch my time across the show's nine days to complete it on the final day."

"One of my male students later bragged he could have beat me making the quilt. So I took the challenge on and this year we are racing."

"But instead of making one queen-size quilt, we will both try to complete three different lap-size, or what we call 'people-size' quilts," she said.

Her challenger is Ken Taddia, of Westland, who is an accountant for the Ford Motor Co.. Taddia is an accomplished craftsman who four years ago made his daughter's wedding dress.

SMITH SAID SHE WILL make Amish Courthouse Stair, Three Patch and Applique Heart and Chimney Sweep quilts. Taddia is to make a Log Cabin Pin Wheel, Amish Shadows and Double Irish Chains.

The Ronald McDonald is the cornerstone program of the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities, established in 1984 in memory of Ray Kroc, founder of McDonald's Corp. The houses provide temporary housing for parents of children being treated at either Children's Hospital, Detroit or C. S. Mott Children's Hospital on the University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor.

Ornamental grasses offer landscaping alternative

Maybe you've seen them along stretches of I-75 and thought they were just overgrown brush, or worse, weeds.

What appears to be tall grass is instead a new trend in landscaping called ornamental grasses.

They come in a variety of shapes and sizes and have exotic names such as "Blue Wild Rye," "Silver Banner Grass," "Tufted Hair Grass," and "Birds Foot Sedge."

Lake County Nursery of Ohio will exhibit a garden filled with a variety of ornamental grasses at the 70th Annual Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show, March 19-27 in Cobo Hall.

This will be the first time ornamental grasses will appear in the show, according to its landscape architect, James C. Scott of James C. Scott Associates of Bloomfield Hills.

Scott, known affectionately as "Mother Nature," has been in charge of the builder's show's gardens for 26 years.

He says ornamental grasses are part of a naturalistic trend that is currently experiencing a resurgence among landscape architects.

"We're moving away from the manicured look in lawns, with hedges looking like soldiers in perfect order and more to the trend of being in harmony with nature," he said.

"These new gardens have an extra benefit," he added, "they are easy to maintain, too."

So if you pass a garden at the builder's show and see tall grass and ground covering waving in the breeze, you're experiencing the beauty of landscaping's newest trend, ornamental grasses.