

Creative Living

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organizing Dorothy Lehmkuhl

Q. Since childhood I have saved coins and enjoyed the feeling of being "rich," but I wonder if it's a good idea?

A. While piggy-banking coins is a fine old American custom, it is also a clutter and time-consuming habit.

I was recently in a bank when a young man appeared holding a large, heavy container of rolled coins. He commented to the teller about how long it had taken to wrap all the coins properly, then painstakingly wrote his name and account number on the curved outer wrapping of each roll.

(He could have saved considerable time by marking the outside of the wrappers first, using address labels or a rubber stamp with his name and account number, and a mold manufactured for the purpose of stacking and counting coins.)

One of the most important aspects of organizing is to simplify your life, disposing of unneeded clutter as well as shedding time consuming assignments. People who spend their change as they receive it are free of the responsibility of having to deal with heavy piles of containers of this messy money.

While rolling pennies is a small chore when viewed in the whole scheme of things, it is indicative of the way we add just one more little task to our lives. Most of us don't have many huge projects awaiting our attention, rather we are defeated by myriads of little details nagging at us.

Interestingly, of all those little odds and ends we think we need to do, many don't need to be done at all. It isn't necessary to save coins, for instance — it is a matter of choice to spend or save them. It is also a matter of choice whether to save periodicals or pitch them, redeem coupons, etc.



designing ways Eve Garvin

In looking for inspiration if you are doing your own home never give up trying. Study the interiors in magazines, models, the interiors of genre paintings that depict scenes from every day life whether contemporary or from an earlier generation. Ferret around antique shops and never be shy about asking questions.

Visit historic houses, make note of the way the pictures are hung. Read and re-read the "home" magazines. Take notice of how the furniture is arranged in relation to the space in a room. Are your colors mixed to create an atmosphere of warmth or the feeling of detachment.

Study how certain objects succeed or fail in relation one to another. Fresh garden flowers make me think of old English or French chintzes while a cactus will work with geometric fabrics with a southwestern flavor.

Pride in the way your home looks is not just the monotonous routine of cleaning under the beds. Pride is keeping your surroundings fresh, but always with a "lived in" look.

Remember that by using good decoration to keep your home attractive is like putting yourself together by wearing the right clothes and complementing them with the proper accessories.

Of all the objectives you have, an ability and determination to create a warm attractive home is one of the most worthwhile and precious.

People choose sleek contemporary



By Corinne Abalt
staff writer

The "People's Choice" at Homearama is "Looking Glass," a house built by the Koch family of builders, father Richard and daughters Terrie and Marie of Bloomfield Township.

The contemporary house, valued at \$325,000-425,000, is one of 18 idea homes in the West Bloomfield exhibit that continues through Sunday.

The second most popular house was the French colonial "Windsor" by Rembrandt Construction Co. of Detroit, and in third place was the traditional "Fairchild" by Bonadeo Builders of Plymouth.

While the furnishings, the fine art and the interior treatment of "Looking Glass" are very contemporary, some traditional concepts used attracted a lot of favorable comment, according to Terrie Koch, building supervisor who made many of the design decisions.

"They liked the walk-in pantry," she said, "and the sponge-painted walls in the kitchen and breakfast

room."

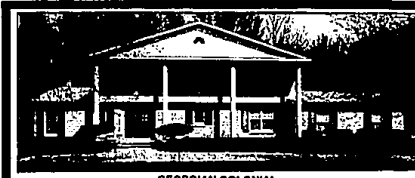
And while Ellen Letourneau of Arkitektura Showrooms of Birmingham furnished the breakfast area more like informal living space with things such as clean line Saarinen chairs and tables, as she did the rest of the home, visitors commented that it had the feeling of a contemporary country kitchen.

Another traditional feature Koch said visitors liked was a formal living room and lower-level entertainment area with full-size pool table adjacent to the guest suite and the exercise room.

The art work, too, drew favorable comment. It was provided by Ole Lyngklip for Marilyn Finkel & Associates. These are contemporary, sophisticated works by an outstanding group of regional and nationally known artists — a far cry from that which appeals to the "I like stuff I can recognize" school of art buyer.

Homearama is open 7-11 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission charge, Orchard Lake, north of Walnut Lake, West Bloomfield.

"The People's Choice" at Homearama is a home called "Looking Glass," built by the Koch family of builders. It uses almost \$30,000 worth of glass in walls and windows. A view from the back shows the striking result.



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The programs are designed to match seasonal interests — the first is about what to do with a stressed out lawn and the last concerns winterizing the lawn and garden.

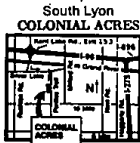
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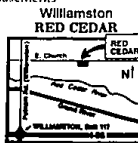
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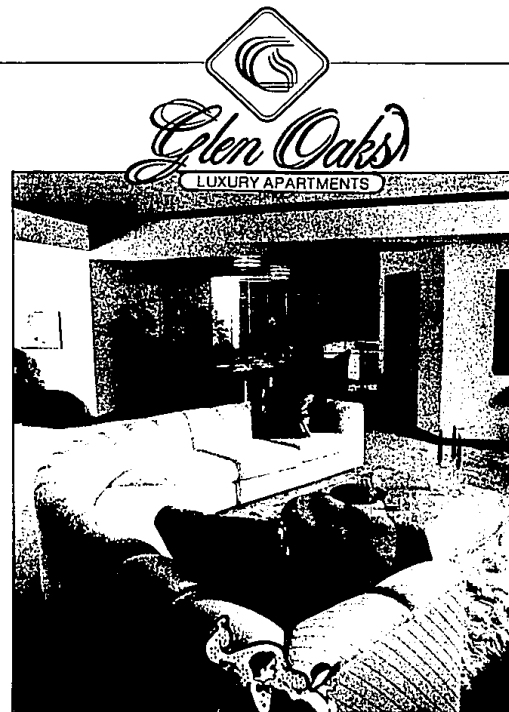


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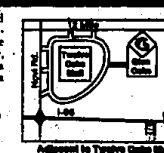


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