

designing ways Eve

Michigan Design Center's annual market last week was spectacular. The theme was SPEC-TRUM: Designer Preview XVII. There was an ar-ray of special speakers, seminars, demonstrations and of course the latest and best in interior fash-

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More than 2.500 designers, architects, trade and industry professionals attended this exciting market.

Highlighting the day was internationally renowned furniture and fabric designer Jay Spectre. At the luncheon that afternoon, Spectre made his presentation. 'Destgining for the 20th Century.'

The presentation featured the Jay Spectre Collection, a 75-plece collection of furnishings designed for Century Furniture Co. Spectre incorporates 86 years of this century's most exciting designs dating from World War I when Art Decovaries the special control of the control of th

security. In the Serger showroom in the center has a setting of his work consisting of upholstered formiture as well as dining room and occasion. Another point of interest was the Carlton-James showroom. The theme was Beauty — not it was beautiful. Kae Lond Rafko, Miss America 1988, was hostess for the evening.

The Carlton-James showroom has expanded and now there's room for an additional 300 pieces, Trouvailles, Ficks Reed, Widdicomb, Marbro and Frederick Cooper Lamps. The accessory items in this showroom are always special.

I was very taken with a screen I saw there. It is seven feet high with eight panels that make a mural in soft pastel tones. A column sits on either side of the screen and completes this dramatic setting. When I asked about its origin, I was surprused to learn this was made in Mainland China Wenderful, wonderful pillows and wallhang surprused to learn this was made in Mainland China Wenderful, wonderful pillows and wallhang interest of the contrasting tenter of the contrasting tenter than the showroom.

As I approached the Glola Showroom, my eye was immediately caught by streams of sitk banners coming from the ceiling and spilling onto the floor. The banners are made of Duplome sitk with black and gold metallic leaves running through the flabric. The handsoom Bielecky Wicker furniture in the same setting is upholstered in contrasting tones of the same fabric.

Decorator's Walk showroom is a delight. Not only can you find fine upholstered furniture and case pieces, but the one-of-a-kind accessory items that make the room.

Every showroom is unique—I could go on forever— but these are things you should not just read about. Make a date with your designer to leave the building for lonch for there is now a small but delightful restaurant in the building.

## Speaking on art

Michael Farrell will give a three-part series, Art and Architecture of the Early Renaissance in Florence" at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester, at 7:'30 p.m. on Mondays, Oct. 10, 17,

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