

The living room of the New England farm house on the Detroit Symphony League Christmas Walk is done in shades of raspberry and blue with lots of white to give it sparkle and light.

Raspberry flavors color home

There's more than a touch of elegance to this New England style farmhouse that is part of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Detroit Symphony League's Christmas Walk on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Bonnie L. Meyer, ASID, of Meyer Interiors Inc. of West Bloomfield is the designer who orchestrated the kind of an environment her clients requested.

She used favorite colors, such as crushed raspberry and blues, in the formal living room, and stronger reds and blues against the natural wood paneling of the spacious family room that was added several years ago.

The FRESH, lively palette begins with the crushed raspberry hue of the foyer. The patina of the natural hardwood floors in the foyer and living and dining rooms adds warmth and luster.

Flanking the marble fireplace in the living room is a pair of Queen Anne chairs, upholstered in a flame stitch of blue, yellow and raspberry.

A charming, lighted, grapevine Christmas tree by Interior Floral Design of Birmingham, near a stack of presents wrapped in raspberry and white, adds a festive note to the hearth.

The creamy white fabric swags at the large windows were designed to allow the outside and natural light to fill the room.

THE JUXTAPOSITION of traditional furnishings and wallcoverings with a shaggy rug sets up an interesting interplay of styles and ideas in the dining room. And the Lyndhurst Bouquet wallcovering from the National Trust for Historic Preservation collection gives the room a picturesque, friendly ambience.

Visitors will also see the wicker room, a restful gardenlike retreat with a panoramic view of the patio and backyard, the updated kitchen with stained glass paneled cupboard doors, the sitting room/library near the kitchen, ideal for morning coffee or afternoon tea, and the splendid family room, the decorating of which was completed last week with a masculine point of view in mind.

Ruffles, lots of white and pale yellow are an ideal backdrop for the childhood treasures belonging to a young daughter. Her bedroom, with a flowered wallpaper border to tie it in to the upstairs hall, is a beautiful, bright, sunny world unto itself.

The full-size Christmas tree in this home will be given as a special prize to one of the visitors. It was decorated by Meyer, who won a first prize in the Festival of Trees design competition in Detroit.

When Meyer and client met for the first time, it was an instant match. Now with the project complete, the client can say, "I love the house, it looks like me, not like Bonnie."

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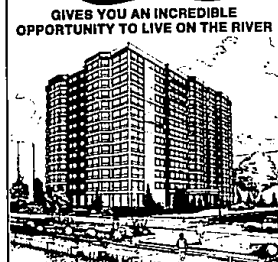
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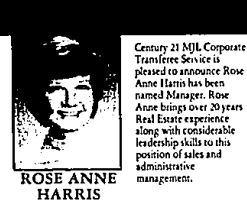


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Fred, Dodie Simper moving to Leland

Husband and wife artists, Fred and Dodie Simper of West Bloomfield, will be moving to Leland on Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula on Dec. 8. The Simpers have been a part of the metropolitan area's art community for close to 40 years.

In addition to being art director at D'Arcy, MacManus & Mastus advertising agency, he taught at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association and had many public and private shows of his work.

She studied art at Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts and has a reputation as an innovator in architecture, design and culinary pursuits.

He said, "We spent 37 years doing our six-acre painting (their

home and grounds in West Bloomfield), a combined effort. Now, we're going to Leland to start a three-acre painting."

"They will be renting initially while the house she designed is being built about a mile from Leland. He said they expect to be able to move into their own house by early summer."

They had a summer home on Bois Blanc Island in the Straits of Mackinac for many years, so the couple and their children are no strangers to Northern Michigan. Many of his paintings were done there.

Simper said their new home will have a studio for each of them.

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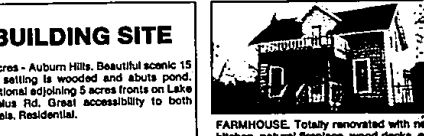
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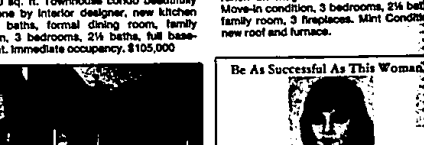
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