



designing
ways
**Eve
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Making good use of small areas

To heighten the livability of a small space, treat it as though it is more than one room. When you subdivide a room to serve multiple functions, it looks bigger instantly. This can be achieved physically with the use of a screen, or divider or with the placement of furniture.

Visually this can be achieved with the use of area rugs and differing color schemes that are compatible with one another.

I think of corners as extra-special spaces and rate extra-special treatment. You can make the corner your focal point in the room by using plants, art or a treasured antique. Camouflage storage behind a handsome corner screen. Corner cabinets in the dining room is another way you can put that space to work for you.

QUESTION FROM A reader: My living room is 14-by-14-feet in size. Please advise how I can treat this room so that visually we don't have a confined look.

Answer: The first thing to remember is limit the furniture you put into it. Your upholstery should be in solids rather than patterns. Decorate with a light touch. Choose open armchairs rather than solid upholstered versions. Covering all the upholstered furniture in the same fabric is always a nice way to go. Use a glass cocktail table rather than a solid wood piece. If you have the need for bookshelves, use open shelves rather than bookcase cabinets.

Eve Garvin has been an interior designer in the area for many years. She welcomes comments and questions from readers. Send those to her in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

briefly speaking

DERBICH EXHIBIT

The Projects and Paintings of Stefan Derbich will be on display Feb. 5-20 at Madonna College Exhibit Gallery on the campus of the Livonia college, located at Levan and I-94.

Born in Berlin, Derbich studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw. His lifetime of art ranges from abstract oils and acrylics to 300-foot murals that adorn ceilings and walls of over 50 churches and cathedrals throughout Poland.

A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday Feb. 5. The public is invited.

FARRELL LECTURE

The Northville Arts Commission will present Michael Farrell in the second of three lectures on sculpture, "The 3 D's" at 8 tonight in the Northville City Hall. The discussion will focus on the art of Bosch. Farrell is an associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor, adjunct curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts, and an instructor for Art House in Detroit.

WONG SHUE EXHIBIT

Limited edition serigraphs by Japanese artist Wong Shue will be shown in a one-man show opening Saturday, Jan. 28 at Austin Galleries in Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn.

Wong Shue, who is best known for his "human" style, will be present from 1 to 4 p.m. at the opening and on Sunday, Jan. 29. The public is invited.

TEEN AUTO DESIGN CLASSES

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association is offering Teen Auto Design in the winter term of classes. The class will be held at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Rodney Lloyd, designer at Chrysler and instructor at the Center for Creative Studies, will conduct the class. For more information, call 644-0866.

HAT-MAKING CLASS

Make your own fashion statement in time for spring by creating a new hat of your choice, style and color, or rejuvenate your present hat by re-blocking and retrimming. Mildred Palmer, a professional hat maker, will conduct a six-week hat-making class at the Southfield Art Center, 26080 Berg Road, from 9:30 a.m. to noon beginning Feb. 18.

Many materials and items will be available from the instructor. Prior experience in sewing is not essential. Fee for the six-week class is \$50. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. For more information, call 354-4717.

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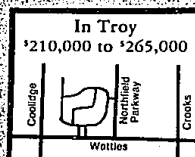


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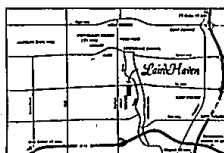
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