

Exterior view of the St. Louis Union Station undergoing renovation. The photo will be part of the Smithsonian exhibition at the Builders Show.

Cadillac dealers sponsor 'Remaking America' exhibit

REMAKING America: New Uses...Old Places" is an exhibition which traces through vintage photographs and explanatory text of the successful rescue of old buildings from destruction and decay.

The exhibition, which is sponsored by the metro Detroit Cadillac Gold Key dealers, will be on display at the Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show to be held March 18-26 in Cobo Hall.

Barbaralee Diamonstein, a leading authority on historical preservation, is the exhibition's curator and organizer. The exhibition travels under the authority of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

The past decade has seen an increase in the efforts by builders, developers and cities to reclaim old buildings. "Remaking America" is a look at the adaptive re-use movement — a

program which finds appropriate purposes for buildings other than what the original designers planned.

INSTEAD OF TEARING down old buildings, developers are being encouraged to renew buildings which seem to have outlasted their original uses — old warehouses, market places, railroad stations — and transform them into modern spaces for working, playing, shopping and living.

"Remaking America" recounts with 48 "then" and "now" photography panels the redevelopment of once grand buildings into art museums, shopping malls, law firms and even low-income housing. It also illustrates how changing economic and social conditions affect who participates in re-use projects, how the projects are financed and the diverse nature of the finished projects.

Arts-Crafts aplenty

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burlap, bird houses, tole painting, pottery, crystal, unusual jams and jellies, hand-made furniture, rock jewelry, tube sock rugs, blown glass, paintings, candles, chimes and bells, custom drapery, silver charms and chains, wood working, wooden dolls, hand-woven rugs, chair caning, and a display of 4,000 bow ties.

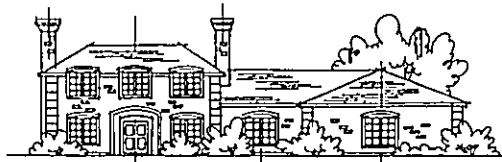
Also included in the display is a

quilting area where Dian Smith and Ken Taddia of Plymouth will be quilting. Their two quilts will be later raffled to benefit the Detroit Shriners.

Within the arts and crafts area is a section of 16 antique exhibitors. The section will include demonstrations of antique furniture restoration as well as many forms of antique items ranging from furniture to antique lace.

The arts and crafts area at the Builders Show is sponsored by Alice's Promotions.

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