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Area homes light the way to the holidays

Residents capture the spirit of the season

IT IS TRULY a blessing to have so many people creating yule displays on the outside of their homes or on their grounds for so many other people to enjoy.

Clever, bright, elegantly simple, religious or whimsical, sister city Christmas displays have a sprinkling of every possible kind of decoration this holiday season.

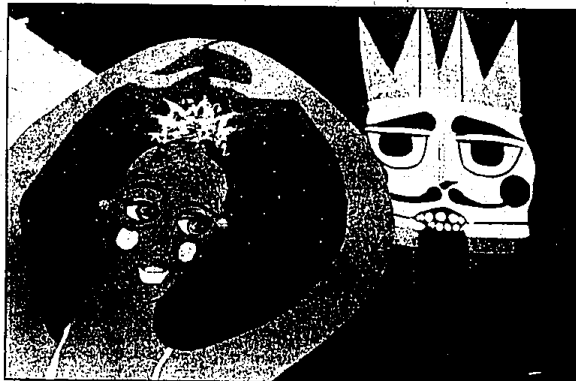
We didn't have to comb all the streets looking for the festive and decorative houses. It seems as though the decorations were just there, all dressed up, waiting to have their pictures taken.



A home in Farmington's Historic District is bright enough to light up a couple of blocks on Farmington Road between Grand River and Shiawassee.



This stately wooden deer stands guard at the entrance of Country Ridge Subdivision in the 14 Mile and Halsted area.



Nutcracker Ballet figures painted on cutout boards stand on the lawn of a home on Grand River west of Farmington Road.



The religious setting fits so well between the two trees it is as though they were grown to shelter the scene depicting Christ's birth. The display is in Marilyn Gores' front yard in the Middlebelt and Grand River area.



About 48,000 lights were used to decorate the house and grounds of the Shamie family in the southwest corner of Farmington Hills.



Jeannine Gundle, who lives in Quaker Valley subdivision, has been decorating the pines in front of her home for 20 years. Some of the lights are textured, resembling a burning flame, manufactured many, many years ago.

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