



## On the book circuit

Roy Strickfaden of Southfield (left), a lecturer in architecture at Lawrence Technological University and owner of a design rendering practice, autographs a copy of "Architectural Sketching in Markers" for Chris Garrison (center), an LTU student, during the book's debut at Millers Artist Supplies in Farmington Hills. Waiting his turn to sign is

co-author Harold Linton, professor and director of freshmen studies at LTU's College of Architecture and Design. The book discusses how to analyze space, establish effective visual viewpoints, "tune in" color and use sketching to achieve results. It is aimed at architects, artists and graphic, interior and industrial designers.

# Smoke detector primer

News story after news story tells of fire fatalities that might have been prevented if smoke detectors had been in use.

Smoke detectors make a shrill warning sound when exposed to smoke. Since they are relatively inexpensive and easy to install, there is no reason any home should be without them.

Here's some basic information on buying and using these life saving devices:

• "Ionization" detectors contain a tiny amount of shielded radioactive material. This material breaks air down into charged atoms through which a small current can flow. Smoke interrupts the flow of current which sets off the alarm. An ionization detector responds more quickly to the fumes of a fast-burning fire.

• "Photoelectric" detectors use a small light beam which impinges on a light-sensitive photocell. The alarm sounds whenever smoke interrupts the light beam. The light bulb producing the beam lasts about three years; then it must be replaced. A photoelectric type of detector gives a faster response to smoke from a smoldering fire. It is also less prone to false alarms from innocuous kitchen fumes.

**Never turn off a smoke detector because you are cooking something that will cause it to sound off. It's too easy to forget to turn it on again.**

**EITHER TYPE** of smoke detector may be powered by a battery (usually 9-volt) or house current. For effective use:

• Test your smoke detector about once a month to make sure it's operating properly.

To test, simply press the test button on the front of the unit. The alarm (a continuous blare) will sound as long as the test button is depressed. This test automatically checks the electronic circuit, horn and battery.

If the horn does not sound, replace the battery. If it still does not sound, have the detector repaired or replaced.

• When the smoke detector battery begins to weaken, it will sound a warning signal (usually intermittent

beeps or chirps). Replace the battery immediately following the manufacturer's directions.

• Clean your smoke detectors yearly to remove dust, grease and other soil.

**WHERE TO locate:**  
• In halls leading to sleeping areas.

• At the heads of stairs leading to living areas.

• In your basement, but not too near the furnace.

• In the bedroom of any smoker in your family.

• On the same house level as your kitchen, but not too near your appliances since everyday cooking can easily set it off. Caution: Never turn off a smoke detector because you are cooking something that will cause it to sound off. It's too easy to forget to turn it on again.

• Away from air currents (vents or radiators, for example), dead air corners and ends of halls.

• On the ceiling at least 20 inches from all corners or walls.

• On walls, at least 12 inches from the ceiling and the nearest corner.

Note: Don't paint the detector. Painting clogs the holes and reduces its effectiveness.

## commercial real estate sales in Oakland and Wayne counties

This lists recent commercial real estate transactions in Oakland and western Wayne counties. The first name listed is that of the buyer. The second name is that of the seller. Any transaction price followed by an \* represents the price paid for more than one piece of property.

### OAKLAND COUNTY

**Berkley**  
3235 Coolidge  
Commercial  
Robert T. Ott  
William J. Staudenraus  
\$405,500 \*

**Lathrup Village**  
27305 Southfield Road  
Office building 1-2 stories  
Sks Investment Co.  
B. Chamberlain Trst.  
\$500,000

**Pontiac**  
235 W. Montclair Street  
Commercial garage  
Jenny E. Carter

**Kenneth B. Bowman**  
\$28,551 \*

**288 W. Montclair**  
Other commercial structures  
Michael Boyer  
Nancy S. Cruz  
\$30,000

**578 S. Paddock**  
Commercial warehouse  
Theodore R. Pinchman  
W.T. Andrew Co.  
\$44,000

**329 N. Saginaw**  
apartment 4-19 family  
David C. Sebring Jr.  
James T. Long  
\$27,000

**329 N. Saginaw**  
Apartment 4-19 family  
Saginaw Corp.  
David C. Sebring Jr.  
\$28,500

**Waterford Township**  
Windlate  
Industrial vacant land  
Peter J. Henning  
Sharon R. Lepley  
\$78,000 \*

**WAYNE COUNTY**

**Belleville**

392 Main  
Retail store detach (sm)

**Richard McPhee**  
Greenspan Corp Inc.  
\$35,000

**Livonia**  
19849 Middlebelt  
Commercial  
Milton Montenegro  
Rhoda Gross  
\$115,000

**Sampter Township**  
19465 Sampter Road  
Auto sales and service  
Timothy Scott Lagness  
Amos Johnson  
\$50,000 \*

**Wayne**  
3216 Wayne  
Dry cleaning or laundry  
Clyde Plets  
Dorothy M. Riggs  
\$100,000 \*

**Westland**  
Knolson  
Industrial  
Harry J. Lansu  
Frank P. Wittmann  
\$95,000

**Venoy**  
Commercial  
Albert J. Silber  
Rex Rosenhaus  
\$12,500 \*

## Maintain storm windows

Saag-fitting, well-maintained storm windows and doors can do much to reduce heating bills. The space between the storm and prime windows, or between the frames with move oxidation once a year. Then apply a good automobile paste wax.

Remove wood-sash storm windows periodically and repaint them.

your storm doors and windows in top condition:

• If your aluminum storm windows and doors are unpainted, brush the frames with fine steel wool to remove oxidation once a year. Then apply a good automobile paste wax.

Remove wood-sash storm windows periodically and repaint them.

This is important, not just for looks but to prevent absorption of moisture that may cause swelling, warping and rotting.

• While a wood-sash storm window is out, before repainting, inspect it for damage.

• Reglue loose joints and reinforce them with corner plates available at your local hardware store.

• Replace crumbling or missing putty.

• Repair bent hardware. Inspect the hangers for loose or missing screws and damage to the bracket on the house or the hook on the storm sash.

• Check the interior fasteners to be certain they are all functioning properly.

• To paint all sides of the storm sash in one operation, install storm window hangers in a ceiling joist in your cellar or garage, and suspend the storm sash from it.



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