

Big plans ahead for miniature projects

Miniature flowers and plants, as well as interior and exterior decorations for dollhouses, are among the subjects for summer classes beginning Saturday, June 12, at Miniature Makers' Workshop.

Classes will continue through Sept. 25 at the Workshop, 4516 N. Woodward in Royal Oak. For information about classes in the art of miniature making, call 549-0633.

The schedule will include three afternoon classes for children, said Criss Good, owner of Miniature Makers' Workshop. The re-

cent show at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, "Masterpieces in Miniature II," has stimulated new enthusiasm for creating tiny replicas on the standardized scale of one inch to one foot, she said.

Emphasis on flowers begins July 8 with a class taught by Bette Robinson of Birmingham on dried flower arrangement. She will also conduct summer classes on electrical wiring and dollhouse exteriors and interiors, as well as a lighted Christmas tree.

Among other flower classes is a

July 12 session on African violets, and a July 19 session on geraniums and hyacinths, taught by Linda Rath of Rochester Hills.

Among other instructors is Nancy Van Camp of Pontiac, whose subjects will include "Let's Bake a Pie" Aug. 5, Walter Schutter of Sterling Heights will teach students the art of making a Queen Anne game table Aug. 9.

Judy Shellhaas of Plymouth will conduct a six-Saturday course beginning June 26 on the carving of an ornate porcelaine fireplace. Agnes Miller of Troy will teach the assembling, wiggling and

dressing of a Victorian lady doll Aug. 21.

Rath will also teach two classes for children: paper flowers July 12 and mixed fruit July 19. A third class for children, on creating a wicker plant stand, will be instructed July 24 by Sue Jacques of Farmington Hills.

Fees vary according to class length and materials required. Registration is requested one week in advance of each class.

Enrollees may bring their projects and join in free, open workshops every Friday.

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Getting bugged

You can find plenty to "bug" you this month at "The Artists' Gallery, 30905 Orchard Lake Road between 13 and 14 Mile in Farmington Hills (call 855-8832). That's because of "Insects-Inside," a show of bug jewelry and small sculpture.

Creative crawlers, fantastic flyers, beauteous buzzers in glass, metal, tile and other materials are on display. They were made by artists from all over the country as well as this area, including Elaine Redmond, Marie Snell, Bead Works of Franklin, Cec's of West Bloomfield and Emory's of Farmington. Butterflies, dragonflies, bees and even scarabs (for a touch of beetle-mania) are among the featured creatures.

When the imaginative insects aren't holding a visitor's attention, the colorful works by featured artists Jane MacKinnon (mixed media), Billie Thompson (watercolor) and Cynthia Trevino Bodene (painted furniture) are. These art works are exhibited through June 27. The paintings are bold and vivid, the furniture functional as well as decorative.

sign Room at 208 W. 11 Mile in Royal Oak (call 545-9465). The art studio was designed in collaboration with several area artists.

It features the special art and handmade jewelry of Roberts and guest artists. Roberts works in the studio in the back while visitors browse in the front.

Now open noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, the studio continues to offer a cornucopia of delightful designs, including hats, handpainted watering cans, china, bubble bath and soaps, jewelry, tiny baskets, toys, toothbrushes... the list goes on and grows every time you turn around.

Mary Klemic is editor of the Oakland County Creative Living section. You may call her at 801-2569. Her fax number is 644-1914.

Flowers sold

More than 100 growers will display and sell a breathtaking variety of locally grown annuals, perennials and garden plants in Flower Day II, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Historic Eastern Market, 1-75 and Mack in Detroit.

Admission is free. For more information, call the Metropolitan Detroit Flower Growers Association at 665-2262.

Cultural council to meet

The Cultural Council of Birmingham Bloomfield will have its annual meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

In addition to hearing reports about Cityscape and First Night, two projects of the CCBB, the membership will elect a new board of directors and hear editor Sherrill Zimmer speak about the controversy surrounding the removal of art in public places.

The meeting is open to the public. There is no charge, and

no reservations are required.

The purpose of the CCBB is to promote the area as an arts and cultural center and to serve as an information resource, catalyst and advocate for the cultural resources in the greater community. The CCBB is funded by membership dues that are \$15 per person or \$35 for an organization or business.

Zimmer is a Ph.D. candidate at New York University. She was editor and project coordinator of "Public Art/Public Controversy."

Denise Ilitch-Lites sets talk at design center

Denise Ilitch-Lites, executive vice president of Little Caesar Enterprises, will speak to consumers and interior design professionals Thursday, June 24, at Michigan Design Center's Viewpoint lecture series.

A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m., followed by Ilitch-Lites' discussion of her ultimate goal to bring more life and vibrancy to the heart of Detroit. Joining her will be Dennis Eves, vice president of architecture for Little Caesars.

The cost is \$7 per person for the breakfast/lecture. To register, mail a check, made payable to the Michigan Design Center, to MDC, 1700 Stutz Drive, Suite 84, Troy 48064. Registrations must be received by Tuesday, June 22.

Ilitch-Lites' presentation will focus on Little Caesars' participation in the redevelopment of downtown Detroit. Highlighted will be the restoration of the Fox Theatre, the creation of the Theatre District, the movement of

Little Caesars' corporate offices downtown and, most recently, the addition of Tiger Plaza to Tiger Stadium. This will be an important look at the establishment of contemporary uses within a historic, urban framework.

As head of architecture and design for 15 years, Eves supervised the restorations and directed the \$8 million renovation of Tiger Stadium.

Named by Advertising Age as one of the 100 best and brightest marketers in the country, Ilitch-Lites was also chosen by Crain's Detroit Business as one of the "90 for the '90s," a group that will help shape the city's economic future.

MDC is a regional marketplace for the interior design profession. While MDC showrooms are open to the trade only, consumers may visit in the company of their designer, architect or builder. For free designer and architect referral, call 649-4772 during regular business hours.

FBI novelist to address guild

Paul Lindsay, an FBI agent turned novelist, will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Cranbrook Writers' Guild 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at the Cranbrook House library, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Lindsay, a much-decorated

Marine Corps veteran and 20-year field agent with the FBI, will discuss his acclaimed novel of the FBI, "Witness to the Truth."

Donation for non-guild members is \$3. For more information, call 646-0658.

Clearance Center, 2211 Telegraph, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile in Southfield.

Warehouse sale this weekend

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