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"The Appliance Doctor," Saturdays and Sundays during the show from noon to 2 p.m.

More than 100 of the Detroit area's Professional Allied Florists Association members and area FTD-40 shops will display arrangements for the honor of capturing the "Best of Show Award" presented by the Society of American Florists. This year's themes are "Dinner for Two" (featured on actual table-top settings), "The Pleasures of a Garden," (dish gardens) and "Country Western."

Design demonstrations of floral arrangements will be staged during the show, including Michigan-grown roses (March 21) and body flowers (March 25). Floral arrangements completed in these demonstrations will be auctioned off to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. On the last day of the show, many of the arrangements entered in the competition will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Other demonstrations at the Builders Show include: Jon Eakes from The Learning Channel's "The Renovation Zone"; insulating existing concrete basement walls with Dow Chemical Company's Styrofoam Wallmate brand insulation March 19 and 20; geothermal heating and cooling systems by Detroit Edison; brick and stone veneer installation by Williams Panel Brick; and decorating, home repair and remodeling by many of the exhibitors.

One visitor to the show will win \$10,000 by estimating the correct number of nails in the House of Nails contest. The Treasure Chest contest, set up at various locations throughout the show, will award prizes including a 1994 Chevy Blazer. Also, many exhibitors will offer contests for prizes such as air cleaners, lighting products, appliances, a patio enclosure, security systems, windows and an installed geothermal system.

The Parade of Homes program, which kicks off at the show, will feature pictorial renderings of the area's newest houses built by BASM builder members. The program is sponsored by BASM and the Detroit News. Information about the houses and a guide to visiting the models will be available in a free plan book.

And finally, what show would be complete without a wedding? To prove this point, Tina Cordell of Utica will wed Justin Himebaugh of Utica on one of the bridges across the indoor river at 4 p.m. March 23. Wedding flowers are being donated by Twin Flowers of Sterling Heights. The cake is compliments of Phyllis Skidmore of Warren, photography by Greg's Portrait Co. of Farmington Hills, tuxedos from President Tuxedo of Lakeside Center, Sterling Heights, the wedding-engagement set donated by Service Merchandise of Mt. Clemens, limousine service by ACS Limousine of Livonia and the honeymoon night will be spent at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

House shopping guide now available from association

A free directory may help shoppers find the house of their dreams.

The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan directory, which will be updated monthly, lists houses and building sites by city for Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Each listing includes basic information such as square footage, number and placement of bedrooms and baths, style and design, price range, school district and other amenities.

Special features are provided when

available, such as barrier-free design, use of allergy-sensitive construction materials, special warranties, and whether a builder will construct on the homeowner's lot.

All the builders listed in the directory are professionally licensed and members in good standing of BASM. Buyers, however, are encouraged to check the references and previous workmanship of all prospective builders.

To obtain a copy of the directory, call the BASM offices, (810) 737-4477 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

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