

# MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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## SHOPPING CENTERED



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## Nothing is fishy about seaside art

One fish? Scrawled on a weathered chunk of driftwood, these two words are synonymous with summer. They conjure sun-warmed afternoons by a lazy stream and brilliant sunrises on sandy beaches. Time to kick back, relax, and ponder life through the watery treasures that are washed in on the tides of time.

To bring the season home, catch a school of seaworthy finds and scatter them on your deck or patio, in the powder room or among the flowers in your garden. Our tropical-hued finds are brilliant and bring a little bit of seaside paradise to all of our summer living spaces.

A bright blue-green Tang fish, sculpted in metal by Dean Petaja, would happily float on the sun-room "sea" wall. Check him out in the window of Objects of Art, 6243 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield (240).

An equally vibrant metal sculpture fish can be found at Ilona and Gallery, 6385 Orchard Lake Road in the Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield. This smaller fish is handpainted in watercolors and sits on a wooden block. I see him decorating a corner of a sunny tiled bathroom counter (\$140). Entertaining on the patio? Serve grilled seafood on a bright melamine fish-shaped tray from Hudson's Marketplace shops (\$9.99).

Keep the occasion festive and fishy with colorful acrylic serving pieces that include a set of four double old-fashioned (\$15), a set of four beverage glasses (\$15), a three-quart pitcher (\$22), three-quart ice bucket (\$25) and a large acrylic tray (\$22). Also from Hudson's, a flag to beckon guests to the "beach party" — a 28- by 40-inch pink, yellow and turquoise tropical fish (\$19.99) plus pole, \$10.



Seashore scenes  
A brand new gift shop opened recently in the Orchard Mall it entices with handpainted walls and borders, and some fun, one-of-a-kind merchandise. Among the "beckoning bait" at Wrap It Up, are Susan Painter's charming pastel ceramics that feature seashore scenes (\$30-\$100), brighter fish-designed Hungarian ceramic casseroles and platters (\$35.50-\$66.50) and green glass fish-shaped candles in crayon colors (4 for \$12). A painted wooden picture frame is aptly named "Under The Sun" (\$26) and whimsical fish pins float in a counter display box (\$21 and \$30).

Though you normally turn to Lisa Parks, 244 E. Maple in Birmingham for hand-knit sweaters, the eclectic boutique displays a myriad of trend-setting fashion accessories, unique jewelry creations and artfully designed accoutrements. Included is a wonderful canvas "fishing hat" complete with a cascade of netting (\$63). Don't be surprised if you see Arletha sporting this jaunty topper. She just snagged one for her summer wardrobe.

In Royal Oak, the Deborah Roberts Design Room, 206 W. 11 Mile, showcases Roberts' jewelry designs as well as works of other local artists. Roberts often incorporates nature themes in her work, and includes a folk art fish design in a white bronze bracelet highlighted by jet beads (\$95).

Also at the shop, a northern Michigan sculptor crafts wooden fish with copper fins (\$36), and another Michigander molds oxidized brass into fish-shaped drawer pulls (\$21).

Laurie Eisenhardt's mermaid platter is an eye-catcher (\$182) as is Huntington Woods artist Eve Louie's painted and decoupage mirror (\$72). Also spotted, a primitive wooden frame decorated with bronze fish (\$30).

Linda Bachrock is a Birmingham resident. You can leave her column ideas at (313) 953-2047; mailbox 1889 or fax them to her at (810) 644-1314.

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

■ Linda Bachrock shops for the red, white and blue.

■ Added Attractions lists the latest special events at the Malls and Main Streets.

■ Behind The Label presents an interview with Don Ongart.

## Melrose star says: Don't just sit there, let's Do Something!



A guest appearance by Melrose Place star Andrew Shue drew hundreds of fans to Hudson's Oakland Mall store in Troy. The actor signed Guess? T-shirts created to benefit his Do Something campaign.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
STAFF WRITER

"It's up to us!" television hunk Andrew Shue of "Melrose Place" told a 99-percent female crowd at Hudson's Young Men's Department one recent Friday afternoon.

But it was hard to tell whether the burst of applause that followed was meant for the cause or its founder.

"He's sooo cute," said Jenny Cavanaugh, 16, of Livonia. "I came to get his autograph — oh, and I also came to support the cause."

The cause is Do Something, a national non-profit organization of which Shue is a co-founder. Do Something strives to "inspire and assist young people to take problem-solving actions to improve their communities."

Based in New York City, Do Something is run by a full-time staff of the under-30 set with assistance from a board of advisers. Local branches give grants up to \$500 to peers who have creative community building ideas. Do Something oversees the projects, then builds interest to raise the fund to endow-

ment size. As of April 1994, there are Do Something funds in Newark, N.J., Boston, Mass., and Selma, Ala.

Shue came to Michigan to spread the word about the year-old organization and inform young people that grant applications are now available through Blockbuster Video stores, Guess? merchants like Hudson's, and the local Boys and Girls Clubs.

Hudson's spokeswoman Chris Morrisroe said Shue's local visit produced about \$7,500 for Do Something from the sale of about 500 T-shirts.

Do Something ads have appeared in all media, supported by MTV, Fox Television, Channel One/White Education Network, Rolling Stone, Us, Vibe, Seventeen, Entertainment Weekly and Emmerge.

A phone number was established recently for anyone who wants to contribute to "the constructive energies of young people" — 1 (900) ALL OF US.

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A Shue-in: Melrose Place heart throb Andrew Shue tells fans at Hudson's that the future of American communities is in their hands.



Stringing along: Sharon Meyer, president of Amalgamations, loves her beads. Customers insist no one can put stones together quite like she does.

## Designer adds jazz

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
STAFF WRITER

What fine jewelry designer has the nerve to add antique Chinese poker chips to an elegant pearl necklace trimmed in 14-k gold?



Or finish the ends of a black onyx larant with sterling silver trinkets found in Afghanistan?

Why, Sharon Meyer of Amalgamations, that's who!

The Troy-based designer produces about 250 one-of-a-kind necklaces a year, selling her pieces to clients like Jacobson's Department Stores, the Chicago Art Institute and the New York Public Library Museum.

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Retail businesses in suburban malls and on suburban Main Streets are invited to submit announcements of upcoming special events and promotions for Added Attractions. Send announcements to Malls & Mainstreets, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

## ADDED ATTRactions

MONDAY, JUNE 20

### FASH BASH TICKETS

Tickets for 25th annual Fish Bash at the Fox Theatre, sponsored by Hudson's and the O.A. Founder's Junior Council, on sale through date of event, Wednesday, Aug. 3, 8 p.m. Fish Bash features live auction, platters and theatrical fashion presentation. Tickets \$25-\$150. (313) 833-2223.

### SOCCER GRASS

World Cup Indoor Grass Display explores the Turbo Pellet System, thru June 30. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Walton/Adams, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-9451.

### BAND CASTLE

90-set, three-dimensional Looney Tunes sand sculpture, featuring a Tunes soccer match, on display through Aug. 15, in the Briarwood Grand Court, Briarwood Mall, S. State/Eisenhower, Ann Arbor. (313) 769-9010.

### LUNCH FASHIONS

Clothing from Marguerite Boutique informally mod-

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

### LUNCH FASHIONS

Latest looks from Pee in the Pod and Donna Sacs informally modeled noon to 2 p.m. D. Denton's and Marriot's Garden Court restaurants. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 482-1100.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

### WESTLAND FAIR

Westland women, 17-23 years of age and single, compete for the title Miss Westland Summer Festival, 7 p.m. west court. Applications at Customer Service Center must be submitted by June 18. Westland Center, Wayne/Warren. (313) 595-0697.

### SUMMER FASHIONS

Summer looks from mall's gallery of boutiques informally presented throughout the mall, noon to 2 p.m. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 462-1100.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

### ART CRAWL

Explore art available in Rochester area. Transportation provided, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Begins at Great Oaks Mall, continues downtown as self-guided tour. Meet Pontiac Oakland Society artists, enjoy music by Barbara Ogar Student Flute Choir, refreshments. Free. Great Oaks Mall, Livonia/Walton, Rochester Hills. (810) 656-0654.

### STORYBOOK SUNDAY

Stacey Duford of WHIC-FM radio reads "A Silly Story," 1 p.m. Center court. Kids redeem book reports for discount tokens. Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Hubbard, Dearborn. (313) 593-1370.

### CLASSICS BRUNCH

Co-sponsored by WORS. Local musicians perform in concert, Rotunda stage. Noon to 2 p.m. Brunch catered by Sebastian's Grill. \$20 tickets available at concierge desk. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Cookridge, Troy. (810) 643-6360.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

### FOOT SCREENING

"Be Good To Your Feet," 8-10 a.m. Jacobson's court. Foot screening by Botsford General Hospital Podiatry Department. Part of monthly mail walkers program. Newcomers welcome. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (810) 462-1100.