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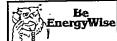
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Designer sets visit

Famed designer Al-exander Julian will be joined by Home magajoined by Home maga-sine retail mer-chandising editor Jo-Anne Pier as he intro-duces his new distinctive furniture collection to guesta, noon to 2 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Interior Design Studio at Hudson's Northland.

During his visit, Ju-During his visit, Ju-lian will sanwer ques-tions and offer design-ing ideas. Light re-freshments will be served. Admission is free. Seating is limit-ed and reservations are required; call (810) 443-6328.

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The collection, "Alexander Julian Home Colours by Universal Furniture," features upholatery fabrics created by Julian — Peacock Plaid, Brush Stroke and Trellis Paisley, Pieces are elegant, yet portray an easy lifestyle.

Treasure

whalers carved useful items (pastry crimpers, crochet needles, yarn holders, etc.) or decorative items, such as the one pictured here. The value of scrimshaw is based on the complexity of and amount of patriotism represented in the decoration. Yours is particularly nice, dated 1831 and displaying the 20-pun frighte The Comet, two crossed American flags, whaling irons or harpoons, the name D. Hart and a great sperm whale. Scrimshaw became less popular when oil was discovered on land in the mid-19th century, thereby gradually eliminating whale oil expeditions. You'll note that the artist proudly signed with his initials. This could open up vast research coportunities for a true academician to find ship's logs for The Comet and manifests of list carge and crew. Perhaps we could find who "TAS" really was.

Because of the rising market value of this form of Americans, fakes are increasingly being produced in plastic. There is a "hot pin" test that can be very carefully performed, preferably by a professional appraiser, to determine if a piece of scrimshaw in plastic or the real thing, twoly the free tand whalers carved useful items (pas-Monte Nagler's "Focus on Photography" column, which runs the first and third Thursdays of the month, will have a new spot beginning next week. Watch for the column on the Creative Living page in Monday's newspaper.

back of this piece, if it is in fact correct, we would place a retail value on it of approximately 33,000 plus — this being a whale of a scrimshaw!

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Nancy and Frank Boos are with
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founding and phone number.

Watercolor workshop planned

Beginning and advanced painters may participate in a four-session watercolor workshop being offered by The Community House in Birmingham. Artists working in other media may also attend.

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Entitled "Painting in the Garden: A Watercolor Workshop," the class will meet at a variety of local outdoor gardens 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondaya, beginning May 1.
Information about the gardens and a supply list are available from the program department at The Community House, 380 S. Bates. The class fee is \$38. To register, call (810) 644-5832.

The first session will convene in the Craft toom at The Community House, moving to n outdoor site to paint later in the morning.

Students provide their own transporta-tion, and should bring a sack lunch. Direc-tions will be provided. A \$2 or \$4 additional fee will be required for a couple of the garden

Award-winning Bloomfield Hills artist Karen Halpern will instruct the sessions, concentrating on how to approach the out-door subject with a sense of immediacy, compositional guidelines, painting tech-nique and following the painting process through to a conclusion.

Color theory, simple demonstration, painting tips, individual assistance and a group critique are integral components of this workshop.

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members of the Farmington Hills
Fire Department for a fun program for all ages about childhood
safety and injury prevention, part
of "National Safe Kids Week,"
May 6; "Making May Flowers,"
ages 4 and up, with Sherri Bowman May 13; bring fevorite Teddy
bear and join Tilfany Walker for
story and special treats in "Teddy
Bears" Picnic," ages 3 and up,
May 27.
Book groups, Jewish Authors and
Jeruselem" by Elle Wiesel 7:30
p.m. Monday, May 16; Gay and
Leblan Book Group to discuss
"The Dyke and the Dybbuk" by
Ellen Galiford 7:30 p.m. Monday,
May 22; General Literature Group
to discuss "The Invention of
Truth" by Marta Moraxionl 7:30
p.m. Wednesday, May 31. members of the Farmington Hills

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pm. Thursdays, May 4, 11 and
18.
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with Rite, Ritual and Ceremony":
Facilitators Carol Dowdy and
"Owl Woman" Sue Johnson 10
amt to 3 pm. Saturday, May 0.
Basic Psychic Development Class
7-10 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning
May 10.

Halfway Down the Stairs Children's Book Shop 114 E. Fourth, (810) 652-6066 Helen Lester, author of "Tacky the Penguin" and "A Porcupine Named_Fluffy," presenting and

May 6; ages 4-8.

"Annual Make Way for Ducklings Parade": Do reliow togs and join Mrs. Mallard for yearly reading of her famous story and march to park to feed our feathered friends it am. Saturday, May 20, for stroller age to 6. Friendly policomen, corn and picket signs provided.

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Barnes and Noble 0800 Orchard Lake Road, (810) 626-6804 Children's Story Hour 10 a.m. Children's Story Hour 10 a.m. Mondays and 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Charlie Vincent signing "Welcome to My World" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6.
Michael Acho speaking on "Ending Investment Confusion" 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6.
Lon Grossmann signing "Around the House" 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 12.

12. Molly Abraham signing "Restau-rants of Detroit" 7:30 p.m. Friday, rants of Detroit" 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 19. Monte Nagler discussing "Histo-

Monte Negler discussing "History of Photography" and exhibition 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 28.
Jonathon Irwin Keat signing "Children . . . Like a Garden" 2 p.m. Sunday, May 28.

Bookpeople

Bookpoople 8399 Orchard Lake Road, (810) 851-9150 Tanya Fenby reading poetry from "Incunable Vol. I" 7 p.m. Fri-day, May 12. Mary Higgins Clark speaking and signing "Let Me Call You Sweet-heart" 7 p.m. Monday, May 15. Gennifer Flowers speaking and signing "Passion and Betrayal" 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 30.

Learn to cook up new kitchen

Tom Richards of Kitchens by Lenors & Richards will present "How to Purchase a New Kitchen" 7:30-9:30 pm. Thursday, May 18, at The Com-munity House, 390 S. Bates in Bir-mingham. Register in person, by mail, by

phone — (810) 644-5832 — or by fax — (810) 644-2476. You may use your MasterCard or Visa.

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