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Galleries glorify creepy crawlers

What is it about creepy crawlers? We cringe when we see a spider scamp across the floor. We become frantic when a bee buzzes about our heads. We drown beetles, centipedes, and mosquitoes with bug spray. And yet, the sheer artistry of an insect's tiny body is alluring and fascinating. Spindly legs and feathered wings and curled antennae are intricate miracles of nature.

The images of these critters, therefore, are appealing. We don't hesitate to display a jeweled bug on a shirt collar or a brass grasshopper in the garden.

Insects on parade

At the Ariana Gallery, 119 S. Main in Royal Oak, giant insects spread their metal wings. They are the creations of Michigan artist Rich Branstrom, who fashions found objects into flies, mosquitoes, fish and birds. Pots, pans, oil cans, buckles, headlights and candelabra combine with wire cable to make these folk art sculptures. Ironically, a restaurant bought one of the enormous flies to display on its dining room wall. Ahh... the charm of art as opposed to the disgust of the real thing! Branstrom's work is priced from \$100 to \$600.

From the Andy Brinkley studio, Ariana offers brass and copper garden stakes topped with ladybugs and grasshoppers (\$45). Also find rusty iron bees and butterflies and metal frogs and lizards to nestle among the impatiens in your flowerbed. Art glass bugs by Tim Derman add whimsy to a coffee table and Drew Smith's blown glass and metal wall sculptures are eye-catching.

Look for frogs and lizards (\$750 to \$850). New this month to the gallery are giant freestanding metal insects — guaranteed to keep the squirrels away.

Down the street at Royal Oak's new Claque Gallery, 200 West 5th, Eve and Elaine Redmond sent out feelers and collected all manner of insects for their "Insects Inside" bug show this month. They involved the entire community in the show, leaving school children to draw bugs. Wait until you see the results! Some are real works of art.



Bug benefit

All of the masterpieces are displayed in a special album and five are framed to hang in the gallery. Proceeds from the sale of the children's art will go to their schools. Local jewelers and artists created special pieces for the show and area galleries also sent appropriate creature collectibles.

The jewelry is the show's highlight. Lane Parr's joined yellow jacket earrings, and ladybug and cricket pins, are incredible with their life-like moving parts. A scarab beetle is eerily authentic. "Lunch At the Ritz" is the name given a gitty golden butterfly embellished with beads, gemstones and enamel. John Hamill's titanium pine and earrings glow in iridescent

shades of turquoise and pink. He's partial to dragonflies and mosquitoes.

Other wearable bugs include Venetian glass beetles, scarab clay pieces by Rhon Schaefer and glass caterpillars. Also, don't miss "Beetle Bob's" surprise art pieces.

They're crawling with critters at Objects of Art in West Bloomfield this month. In conjunction with its artful garden show, the gallery displays Arthur Kluge's aluminum sculptures of abstract critters (\$70-\$120), Lloyd Kaeche's colorful metal ladybugs, crickets, and salamanders (\$38) and Deane Putz's outdoor wall pieces (\$200-\$650). Insects also light on ceramic bowls, flowerpots and clocks. Objects of Art is located at 6243 Orchard Lake Road.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- 6 Downtown Plymouth welcomes a special shop for people recovering from addiction.
- 8 Linda Bachrach goes shopping for summer shades.

A QUIZ TO TEST YOUR FASHION SAVVY STYLE POINTS

If you think you could run away with the grand prize on an All-Fashion Jeopardy Show, this quiz is for you! Have fun!

- What is a minaudiere?
A. Metal evening handbag
B. A child's beret
C. A diamond-studded hearing aid
- What U.S. clothing manufacturer was founded in 1818?
A. The Levi Strauss Company
B. Fruit of the Loom
C. Brooks Brothers
- A fiber made from wood pulp that is used in linings. It won't absorb perspiration, so you'll feel clammy if you perspire in it. It's inexpensive and mildew resistant.
A. Rayon
B. Acetate
C. Micro Jersey
- Acrylic is the warmest synthetic so it's often made into sweaters, socks and jogging suits. It comes from what 5 ingredients?
A. Coal, air, water, petroleum and limestone
B. Acetone, water, coal, vinegar and petroleum
C. Olive oil, salt, limestone, bicarbonate and water
- This designer is an aristocratic Cuban who's lived in New York since 1949. He is best known for his Chanel-inspired suits.
A. de la Renta
B. Orion
C. Adolpho
- The first designer elected to the Coty Hall of Fame in 1959.
A. Gloria Vanderbilt
B. Norman Norell
C. Geoffrey Beene
- What is the difference between a cape and a cloak?
A. Capes are short; cloaks are long
B. Capes are wool; cloaks are velvet
C. Capes came from France; cloaks came from Ireland
- A soft, lightweight fabric printed with floral patterns against a dark background, made of cotton, wool or synthetic fibers.
A. Chamois
B. Crêpe
C. Chamois
- A rectangular piece of bright cloth tucked in or tied on one hip and worn as a skirt by both sexes.
A. Sarong
B. Sarong
C. Sarong
- The French house established in 1837 as a royal saddle and harness maker, known today for luxurious handbags, luggage and scarves.
A. Victor
B. Gucci
C. Hermes
- What is Ralph Lauren's real name?
A. Ralph Lauren
B. Ralph Lauren
C. Ralph Lauren
- What clothing manufacturer still makes and sells the same Mackinac creaser jacket worn by prospectors during the 1857 Alaska Gold Rush?
A. Levi Strauss Company
B. Lane End Company
C. L.L. Bean Company
- Which designer created Nancy Reagan's inaugural gown of white satin and beagle heads?
A. James Galanos
B. Bill Blass
C. Herbert Rappaport
- Khaki comes from:
A. An ancient Hindi word meaning dirty
B. An American Indian word for mud
C. An African word for brown
- Italian designer from Florence who made a fortune in the 1980s with silk jersey dresses printed with bright, geometric patterns.
A. Emilio Pucci
B. Giorgio Armani
C. Guiseppe Gucci
- In the 1970s this designer was often called "the world's most tasteful."
A. Hubert Givenchy
B. Nelson
C. Christian Dior
- A large-volume American manufacturing firm began in the late 1940s selling very conservative separates in quality fabrics.
A. Evan-Picone
B. Liz Claiborne
C. Brooks Brothers
- Which item is not part of a "preppy" wardrobe?
A. Fair Isle sweaters
B. Seersucker suits
C. Chug shoes
- A British manufacturer of women's wear known for quality fabrics like cashmere sweaters, gabardine slacks and Harris tweeds.
A. Peck and Peck
B. Ellen Tracy
C. Jaeger
- This Paris designer got her start making hats so she would have something to fall back on when a love affair ended.
A. Charlotte Chesle
B. Coco Chanel
C. Chomae Chelaine
- This Oregon-based manufacturer got its start making woolen blankets. In 1940 it premiered plaid shirts and classic haching jackets.
A. L.L. Bean
B. Pendleton
C. Lands End
- Ruffles which fill in the V-neck of a blouse or dress.
A. Jacquards
B. Jabots
C. Fagots
- She uses the swan as her logo.
A. Elsa Peretti
B. Joan Vass
C. Gloria Vanderbilt
- She made an overnight fortune in the 1970s with a design for a cotton-knit wrap dress.
A. Gloria Vanderbilt
B. Mary Quant
C. Diane Von Furstenberg
- Lady Bird Johnson loved the designs of this 1947 Coty Award Winner.
A. Adele Simpson
B. Mary McFadden
C. Betty Johnson
- Designer Sonia Rykiel is famous for:
A. Long cardigans and angular designs
B. Pleats and tucks
C. Introducing pantsuits for women
- Shoe silhouettes change every:
A. Every year
B. Every 2 years
C. Every 3 years
- A diamonds garnet necklace:
A. It's covered with sparkling beads or stones
B. It was created by Jean Claude Diamonde
C. It must be dry-cleaned
- The oldest discount store in the country opened in 1920:
A. T. J. Maxx
B. Loehmann's
C. Linen Exchange
- Founded in 1877 in Palo Alto, California by a graduate of Stanford University because he did not get the customer service he needed from a department store:
A. Wal-Mart
B. The Body Shop
C. Victoria's Secret

Answer Key: 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-C 6-B 7-A 8-B 9-C 10-C 11-B 12-C 13-A 14-A 15-A 16-B 17-A 18-C 19-C 20-B 21-B 22-B 23-C 24-C 25-A 26-A 27-B 28-A 29-B 30-C

The questions were extracted from fashion encyclopedias and several handbooks on style.

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Retailers in suburban Malls and Main Streets can submit announcements of upcoming events and promotions for Added Attractions. The deadline is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send the facts to: Malls & Mainstreets, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48008. Or fax to: (810) 644-1314.

MONDAY, JULY 3

GRAND OPENING

Flights (100-percent cotton clothes for the family) begins its clearance sale. Longer hours for the summer. Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Flights, 4400 Woodward, Birmingham.
(810) 644-4000.

GRAND OPENING

Newcomers welcome. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Live bird. show. Free. Lower level community room.
Woodland Center, Wayne/Warren.
(313) 428-8001.

POPPY SHOWS

"The Museum of Bees" presented daily through July at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Meadowbrook Village Mall, Auburn/Weston, Rochester Hills.
(810) 575-0451.

ADDED ATTRactions

TUESDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Most malls open to 9 p.m. for holiday shoppers.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

PARK CONCERTS

Music in the Park. Noon. Bring a lunch and enjoy an outdoor concert each Wednesday through July 26.
Ketchikan Park, Main/Art Arbor Trail, Downtown Plymouth.
(313) 416-4477.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

INDEPENDENCE DAY

See the latest fashions from Herby's modeled during lunch from noon to 2 p.m.
Singer & Co. Orchard Lake, 1/2 Maple, West Bloomfield.
(810) 655-0822.

PARK CONCERTS

Summer Series. 7:30 p.m. Free. Bring a blanket or lounge chair.
Shore Park, Bayside/Morris, Downtown Birmingham.
(810) 644-1700.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

SPORTS COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Cards, stamps and more for show and sale. Regular mall hours through July 8.
Lionsel Mall, Seven Mile/Hickadee.
(810) 478-1188.

INFORMAL MODELING

Latest looks from A Pea in the Pod and Casual Corner modeled during lunch, noon 2 p.m. at D. Dennison's and Alter's American Grill.
Laurie Park Place, Six Mile/Hewitt, Lyons.
(313) 482-1100.

THEOREM BEARS

Charleston Teddies Town 100th Anniversary. 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Old West Canterbury Village, Off I-75/Jolly Road, Lake Orion.
(810) 301-9700.

INFORMAL MODELING

Featuring styles from Clothes Encounters informally modeled during lunch at The Grand Oaks, noon to 2 p.m.
3231 S. Grand River, Downtown Farmington.
(810) 615-8181.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

GLASS WORKSHOPS

Bring the Crown beehive kids how to "put on a happy face." All materials provided. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Center Court, Registration required. 80 seats per session. More information at Customer Service Desk, Yell-Turner Mall, 12 Midway/Tenney, Southfield.
(810) 383-4111.