

The Ghiordes Knot Design Center recently announced that Brooke Thelen was named winner of the seventh annual The Ghiordes Knot-ASID Student Creative Space Competition.

Thelen, a senior-year design student at Michigan State University, attended an awards presentation during Michigan Design Center's Career Day. MDC is in Troy.

As this year's winner, Thelen received \$1,000 in prize money. Thelen's award-winning room design and all of the designs from this year's contest were displayed during Career Day.

Sponsored by The Ghiordes Knot Design Center, the purpose of the competition is to illustrate creatively the use of a carpet in a room setting.

This year's contestants selected from two available rug styles at The Ghiordes Knot: a handmade Aubusson and Tibetan carpet. Thelen chose to decorate around the Aubusson, a

design inspired by Flemish verdure
tapestries of 16th century Europe.

"My room design was influenced by what I saw in Europe," Thelen said. "I realized how ceilings were integrated in the design of interior spaces in many countries."

A panel of six professional designers, all American Society of Interior Design members, judged works submitted by more than 45 students.

This year's participating schools included Eastern Michigan University, Lawrence Technological University, Central Michigan University, Western Michigan University and Lansing Community College.

Opened in 1977, The Ghiordes Knot was one of the original 10 showrooms at MDC. The Ghiordes Knot is well known in the interior design community for its variety of sophisticated floor coverings and specializes in antique rug searches.



Special site: *The Walled Garden is the site of weddings and other celebrations.*

look will be built to enable visitors to enjoy the views of a spring-fed lake and see for one-eighth of a mile across to sunken gardens. The pattern of a formal garden will also be visible from the vantage point, then a long walk bounded by Linden trees will guide visitors to these gardens.

An old-fashioned croquet lawn will also be built. A pair of arbors on either side of the croquet lawn will be festooned with hanging baskets from the ceiling with a serpentine walk meandering through. This area will be cared for by physically impaired people, so serpentine tables at wheelchair height will enable gardeners to lower the baskets of flowers to train and care for them.

This large parcel of land also contains wetland areas. A wooden walkway, wide enough for two wheelchairs to pass, will be built so that this part of

nature can be enjoyed by all. A handrail to guide sightless visitors will enable them to traverse this walk unaided. A cassette tape will point out specific things of interest on this walk.

Directions

Master gardener volunteers have been a great help to the Hilty family in its endeavor. The Garden Park of Holly is at 976 E. Maple, Holly. Take Exit 98 west from I-75. The garden is on the south side. I urge you to plan a visit to this treasure in 1996.

The garden is open May through October. At the present time, reservations are required to visit this one-of-a-kind garden. Call the Garden Park of Holly at (810) 634-9300 to reserve your day for a personal tour of the grounds. Admission to the gardens is \$3.50; an optional catered box lunch is available for an additional \$6.50.

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