

Women manage the anchor stores at the Somerset Collection in Troy

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Meet the general managers behind the scenes at each of the four department stores at the Somerset Collection in Troy.
From early morning sales meetings with employees, to late

evening business dinners with vendor representatives, the managers "become" their stores on a day-to-day basis.
And with all eyes fixed on the new shopping center in town, it's a good time to meet the executives charged with meeting very high service and sales goals.



Hudson's
Judy McCabe



Neiman Marcus
Barbara McClure



Nordstrom's
Chris Younker



Saks Fifth Avenue's
Kim Nyo

Bio: 54. Resident of Troy. Single. Two grown children. Attended Bowling Green University. 28 years retail experience.
Hobbies: Reading a good book on the beach of my Lake Michigan cottage. Taking new puppy "Hudson" for a walk. Being actively involved in the arts, opera and symphony.
Likes best about job: Developing and mentoring individuals into company leaders. Managing ever-changing retail environment to keep Hudson's a leader.
Likes least about job: Paperwork tasks and non-interactive responsibilities.

Bio: 43. Resident of Birmingham. Married. One son. B.A. in Education from Kean State.
Hobbies: Roller blading, skiing, gardening.
Likes best about job: Working with the associates and the executives in the store, and the many customers who have become friends.
Likes least about job: The time it takes away from being with my family. I've learned to adapt by making sure our time together is quality time.

Bio: 37. Seattle native, relocating to Bloomfield Hills. Single. No kids. Associates degree in marketing from Boston Institute.
Hobbies: Skiing, running, kayaking.
Likes best about job: Coaching people on my team and helping them realize their natural talents to solve problems and be helpful.
Likes least about job: The time spent inside the office and not out on the selling floor with customers and sales associates.

Bio: 40. Resident of Troy. Married. Two children. Bachelor's in Business Administration, Michigan State University.
Hobbies: Golfing, gardening, water/snow skiing.
Likes best about job: The challenges and excitement. No two days in my 16 years with Saks have been the same. The staff and clients are extended family.
Likes least about job: The long hours, especially during the holidays. Makes balancing work and family very challenging.



St. John designer visits

Marie Gray, owner/designer of the St. John knit wear company, will be the guest of honor at the annual "Fall Fashion Classic" to benefit the Michigan Bach Festival, Tuesday, June 18 at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn.
Patron and Benefactors will enjoy a private champagne reception with Gray before the luncheon, while Friend ticket holders are invited to a complimentary wine reception in the ballroom lobby - both at 11 a.m.
Lunch will be served at noon with the Fall '96 St. John Collection shown immediately follow-

ing the meal.
Gray will also greet customers at the Saks Fifth Avenue store in the Somerset Collection from 3-4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18. Her Fall '96 collection will be presented at the Somerset store June 18-20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and at the Saks at Fairlane June 21-22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tickets are \$45 for Friends; \$75 for Patrons; \$100 for Benefactors. For more information please call Tina Treposki at Saks Fifth Avenue (810) 614-3317.
St. John's fall collection features colors like cassia, emerald and topaz casting rich tones on cool weather suits, dresses and sportswear.
Highlights include zebra print sweaters, linen striped suits, leather piping, ensembles with quilted satin collars and cuffs. Evening styles have eyelid cardigans; dresses with lace trim, detachable camellia pins; along with crystal, hematite and pallite detailing on collars and cuffs.
A faux fur collection trims collars and cuffs, and also a line of coats. St. John includes a signature line of fragrance, jewelry, shoes and handbags.

Where can I find?

From last week's list, two callers informed us that The Vermont Country Store catalog has Indian shoe trees, as well as recliner chair covers available. To receive this helpful catalog full of unique products, call 1-802-362-2400, fax a request to 1-802-362-0285 or write Vermont Country Store, P.O. Box 3000, Manchester Center, Vermont, 05255-3000.
Another reader suggested Meier Thrifty Acres as a source for recliner covers. "I saw some at the store in Waterford," she reported.

Don't Sell Your Baby!

If it's time for your "baby" to leave home, donate that previous old car or boat to the Volunteers of America.
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Dear Barb and Jack

I am sorry I haven't written sooner, but I've been so busy. I know you were concerned about my move to The Grand Court-Farmington Hills, but I love my new one bedroom, screened porch apartment. I've adjusted very well!

I've made lots of new friends and have been doing a lot of new activities. In fact, yesterday, I went to the race track (don't worry, I didn't lose your inheritance!) I actually won \$6,000 I'll put that in my pocket for maybe bingo or a theater ticket. Who knows? Oh, by the way, that picture of me - that's Roger, our Chef. He's wonderful and our food is great here. You should have seen the wonderful Prime Rib Dinner we had for our 'Prom.' It was delicious!

As you can see from the picture, I've already put on a few pounds. I can't wait 'til next week. I'm going on a Mystery Trip to who knows where? I'll have to let you know where we end up on our trip - I'll write you soon.

Give my love to the grandchildren. Maybe they would like to come and see me and stay at Grandma's.

Love,
Mom

P.S. Why don't you come for a visit and bring Barb's mother.

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