

Hudson's sets seminars, signings

Area Hudson's stores offer a variety of events related to home decor.

Helen Boehm, head of the Boehm Porcelain Studio, will officially open the Boehm Shop 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, on the third floor at Somerset, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy (phone: (810) 816-4000). She will introduce a piece exclusive to Hudson's Somerset.

Baccarat crystal's national spokesperson, Julia Watts, will give a presentation on the works of the

French company's principal designer, Thomas Bastide. For guests who wish to buy a piece designed by Bastide, Hudson's will arrange for the designer to sign it. The event will take place Thursday, Oct. 3, in the Fine Crystal Department: noon to 2 p.m. at Somerset in Troy and 6:30-8 p.m. at Twelve Oaks in Novi (phone: (810) 344-6800).

Meet Hudson's Herend representative, who will answer questions about the Hungarian porcelain company's figurines and dinnerware during a trunk

show noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, on the third floor at Somerset in Troy. Special orders will be taken.

Belleek artisan Carina Bogle will sign purchases of Belleek's Parisian china in the China Department Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 6 and 7. Times Nov. 6 are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Westland, Wayne and Warren roads (phone: (313) 458-8400), and 5-8 p.m. at Oakland Mall, 14 Mile and Stephenson Highway in Troy (phone: (810) 697-2200). Times Nov. 7 are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Somerset in Troy and 5-8 p.m. at Twelve Oaks in Novi.

See a series of seminars and presentations with great ideas on holiday entertaining Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9 and 10, in the Tabletop Department. Topics will include formal entertaining tips, buffet ideas and holiday

decor suggestions, all presented by experts in the industry. Times and dates are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 9 at Somerset in Troy and noon to 3 p.m. Nov. 10 at Twelve Oaks in Novi.

View the exquisite collectibles from Limoges at a trunk show noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, on the third floor at Somerset in Troy. Francois Soichet, president of Limoges Imports, will be on hand to answer any questions about Limoges boxes and personalize purchases for guests.

Franz Weiss, a descendant of the founding family of Swarovski crystal, will share the history of the world-renowned Austrian crystal company and discuss its collector's society 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, in the Crystal Gallery at Twelve Oaks in Novi.

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Guided walking tours leave every 15 minutes between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. from St. Benedict Catholic Church, 60 Church Street at John R, just east of Woodward and two blocks south of Six Mile.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

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