

Reception to preview Holiday Tables

Holiday Tables, an elegant annual fund-raiser in historic Cranbrook House, kicks off with a Benefactor reception 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Townsend Hotel on Townsend Street in Birmingham.

At Cranbrook House, a Patron tea will be 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, and general viewing will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24.

Cranbrook House is at 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Free shuttle parking is in Christ Church Cranbrook's lot across the street.

The reception will feature fashions by Saks Fifth Avenue and preview the November event with tables decorated by past exhibitors Janet Fluhr, Jeanne Hackett, Cindy Leonard, Lorraine Schultz, Ann Simons, Carol Worsley and Duffy Wineman.

Benefactor reception tickets are \$100 for two people, with complimentary parking at the Townsend Hotel and one ticket for the Nov. 21 Patron tea included. Patron tea tickets are \$35 each. General admission tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Call (810) 645-3147 for tickets or other information.

Tickets may also be bought in Birmingham at Harps Lingerie, Jacobson's, Magnolia's, Marley's and the Townsend Hotel; in Bloomfield Hills at Miner's; in Troy at Nordstrom, Hudson's and Telly's Greenhouse; and in Rochester at the Spotlight Studio.

Holiday Tables, presented by the Cranbrook House Auxiliary to raise restoration funds, features 21 tables gloriously decorated by local celebrities. Hostesses in exquisite vintage costumes from Aunt Violet's Collection in Rochester provide the proper aura in

this elegant turn-of-the-century manor house built by George and Ellen Booth.

Honorary chairperson is Linda Solomon, a nationally recognized photographer who specializes in photographing political, business and athletic celebrities. She has been a Detroit News columnist and a correspondent for the CBS affiliate in Detroit, and is a regular guest on "Good Morning America." Her photographs are included in a recent book and have been in many national publications including Time, Newsweek and People. Solomon is enthusiastic about participating in Holiday Tables and promises an unusually decorated table.

In George Booth's newly renovated office is a whimsical display of pieces from the Cranbrook Collection, prepared by David Rau and Karen Serota, curators of the Cranbrook Art Museum.

Jacobson's store in Birmingham is transforming the Sunset Room into a festive celebration, and Ginka Gerova-Ortega, noted flutist with her own chamber music concert series, is decorating a table.

Other exhibitors are Jeannette Keremedjian, noted area philanthropist - who shows her European mongal brass flower container in front of a fabulous, full-length Cranbrook House tapestry - and Wendell and Lynda Scales, who present an African Christmas table.

The list of exhibitors continues with the Bloomfield Hills Garden Club, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Edith Briekin, Pat Butzin, Maureen D'Avanzo, Jane Femmel, Zofia Kafarski, Joyce Koreman, Robert Kowalczyk, Jackie Krupp, Mary Beth MacGuldwinn, Annie Margulis and Chris Negro.

Retailers, designers invited to seminar

Hunter Douglas Window Fashions will sponsor a full-day educational seminar in conjunction with Kaleidoscope Industries Inc. Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

"WorkSmart," the all-new "Quest for Excellence" seminar, will emphasize greater interaction and learning through demonstration by experts.

Interior designers and window covering retailers will gain insight on such topics as improving business by fine-tuning marketing strategies, gaining insight onto products and specialty applications, and using proven sales techniques in the face of competition.

Taking place 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at

the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks, the seminar is \$49 per person prepaid for the full-day session, including lunch and continental breakfast; \$59 at the door. Participants may attend a reception at Michigan Design Center immediately after Quest.

For more information or to register, call Kaleidoscope Industries at (800)

288-1986.

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