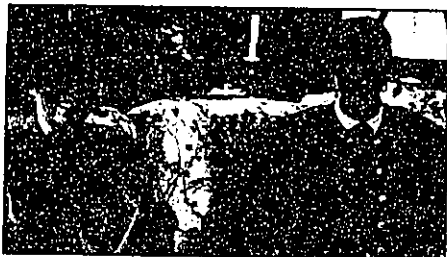


The Curiosity Shoppe Focuses on Country French, English With an Eclectic Flair

The Curiosity Shoppe Ltd. in Franklin reflects the quiet, sophisticated charm of its historic village location. Here you will find two of Detroit's well-known interior designers Linda Bruce Cotter and Laurie Burt, displaying their creative genius in unique furniture pieces, accessories, and gifts for the home.



Designers Laurie Burt and Linda Bruce Cotter of The Curiosity Shoppe.

Being extensive travelers, Laurie and Linda have brought to the shop selected treasures from the far corners of the world, making it easy to find a gift for the "person who has everything."

The design studio specializes in country French and English with a strong eclectic flair and is proud of its reputation for creating cozy, inviting rooms that reflect their clients' needs and tastes. The studio is well equipped to design and implement architectural changes. They have skilled laborers capable of creating a new environment within your budget.

The Curiosity Shoppe's annual holiday sale this week will begin on Thursday, November 7 and run through Saturday, November 9. They have only three sales during the year and every-

thing is marked down from 20 to 75 percent. Many bargains will be available for either gifts or sprucing up your home for the holidays.

The Curiosity Shoppe will be participating in the sixth annual "Design Live!", a day with designers at the Michigan Design Center in Troy, on Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Designers each create a vignette as a sample of their work and are available to be met and interviewed.

The Curiosity Shoppe is located at 32800 Franklin Rd. in Franklin and can be reached at (810) 626-2554. The hours are, Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Fairy Tales Come to Life At Offspring in Canterbury Village

Some of the youngest women in business work at Offspring in Olde World Canterbury Village.

Rachelle, 7, Daniello, 4, Gabriello, 3, Alexandra, 2, and Isabel, 18 months, are starting early, working their way up in the business.

According to owner Kim Aldridge, her nieces model for all the Offspring ads and also help out around the store with tasks such as shelving the items the store carries.

"They love to be here," Aldridge said — and it's no wonder, given the variety of the selection.



Kim Aldridge

Offspring carries one of the biggest selection of Beatrix Potter backpacks, porcelain, book ends, nursery supplies, and, of course, the books themselves.

"Many of customers come here just for the Beatrix Potter collection," Aldridge said. "I don't know of anyone else who carries it."

Offspring is also home to the Winnie The Pooh line, which is new this year but has become very popular with customers.

And, finally, there are the clothes:

Aldridge can outfit girls from infant to size 14 (about 12 years of age) in novelty dresses, sweaters, tights and christening gowns. And she boasts of one of the biggest selections anywhere of dresses for flower girls and other special occasion dresses.

Offspring carries ladies' clothing, too, such as hand-knit sweaters and embroidered blouses and a nice selection from Belle Pointe, Foxcroft and Swanmagic.

There are also infant-size clothes for boys.

Offspring, which has been in business for three years, is part of Olde World Canterbury Village, which is owned by Aldridge's family.

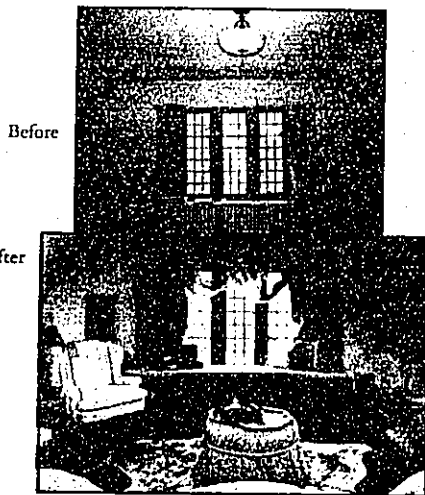
In 1991, the family bought the land and converted old barns and houses into 16 retail stores, including such wonderful places as the Canterbury Toy World, The Fudge Shop, Always Christmas, and Flowers, Pots & Baskets.

The Olde World Canterbury Village is located at 2369 Joslyn Court in Lake Orion. Offspring can be reached at (810) 391-5755.

The Curiosity Shoppe turns their customer's dreams into a reality.

Shown is an example of a showboouse room before and after

Laurie and Linda's Creative touch.



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Your precious Offspring will look adorable in this soft cream pullover with fuzzy teddy applique, ruffled neck and sleeves. A warm and cozy fleece coat with cute teddy face buttons coordinate beautifully for a perfect storybook ending.