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## Dolls, quilts featured at Holiday House

An exciting exhibit of contemporary dolls, quilts and clothing is the featured event at the 1996 edition of the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation's Holiday House at the James Breakey Manor, to take place Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 26-27.

The doll and quilt display will showcase art work by members of Paradigm Quilters, a group of noted local artists, including Mary York Gentry, Sue Holdaway-Heys, Garland Lewis, Mary Bajez, Clare Tengan, Isolde Sarnecki, Bonnie Penet, Jean Adwani and Carolyn Vosburg Hall. Paradigm members hail from Birmingham, Plymouth, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Milford and other southeastern Michigan communities, and their work has been shown, both collectively and individually, at a number of major shows across the country.

"The art work in this show is not what one would ordinarily think of when thinking of quilts and dolls," Gentry said. "It's a little bit outside of the traditional medium, although the works do combine traditional techniques with the new and the innovative."

In its second year, this fund-raiser for the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation will also, once again, feature the talents of several Ypsilanti area designers, decorators and florists who will turn the Breakey Manor, a grand Greek Revival style mansion built around 1834, into a holiday wonderland. Holiday House participants include Remington's by Design, Me 'N' My Sisters Country Store, Le Bistru, Keller & Stein Florists

and Greenhouse, Tamara Kutter-Simple Treasures, design consultant Kathy Bodary, the Ypsilanti Historical Society and members of the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation.

Holiday House '96 will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 26 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 27. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at Remington's by Design and Me 'N' My Sisters Country Store. Admission is \$8 per person and includes the tour of the designers' displays, the doll and quilt show, light refreshments served by the Parish House Inn and the Breakey Manor, and an optional walking tour of the surrounding downtown historic district.

The James Breakey Manor is at 125 N. Huron, in the heart of Ypsilanti's National Register Historic District. For more information, call the James Breakey Manor at (313) 483-2300.

Gentry describes her own work as "a step beyond a doll. The hands and faces are like the traditional dolls, but the torsos might be cabinets, towers or stairways." Gentry describes Dutch quilter Isolde Sarnecki's work as "intricate things that are very figurative, full of symbolic imagery, and display Sarnecki's mastery of her craft."

Paradigm Quilters was formed six years ago when its members, who were all part of the Greater Ann Arbor Quilters Guild, realized there was a "commonality in their work." An invitational show, the doll and quilt exhibit at Holiday House '96 will also feature work from artists outside Paradigm Quilters and some student work as well.

## New design center opens doors

An innovative new concept in home improvement and remodeling, Bloomfield Design Center, has opened at 2985 Haggerty, 1/4-mile north of Pontiac Trail in Commerce Township.

The center's 5,000-square-foot showroom features high quality home improvement products, most of which may be customized to coordinate with the client's decor.

A collaboration of several suppliers, Bloomfield Design Center features such products as custom mirrors and

glass, front entry doors, marble and granite, custom rugs, plumbing fixtures, custom window treatments, jacuzzis, showers, custom fireplace areas, wood staircases, closet organizers and landscaping.

Suppliers at Bloomfield Design Center include Mirror and Glass Magic, D&C Plumbing, Pozzi Windows, Contempo Rugs, Fabric Fantasy, Wintergreen Landscaping Garden Design and Distinctive Creations.

Call (810) 669-4466.

## Pumpkin, herb events scheduled

Keller & Stein Florist, 42158 Michigan Avenue, just west of I-275 in Canton, presents "A Day with Marge Clark" 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2.

Clark is author of the popular books "Christmas Thyme at Oak Hill Farm" and "It's About Thyme." She will show how to make an apple garland, a natural gingerbread house, natural gifts and bean bottles, and how to cook with natural herbs and spices. Her presentations are always sold out.

Refreshments, including herb tea, will be served.

Cost is \$5. Reservations are required; make them early. Call (313) 397-0800.

Keller & Stein also will have a pumpkin painting contest 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. It will provide the pumpkins and paint. Pumpkins will be judged on creativity and neatness. One prize will be awarded in each age group: 5 and under, 6-9 and 10-13. Call to reserve your pumpkins.