

RETAIL DETAILS

Shop sells unique dinnerware

The Escapades shop in downtown Franklin sells the Gail Pittman collection of hand-painted dinnerware and accessories. Pittman's colorful pottery designs were inspired by old world motifs. Pieces can be ordered for custom table settings. The shop is located at 1315 Franklin Ave. Inquires welcome at (810) 855-6866.

Escapades partners Pam Bird and Kathie Ninneman report that late last year, Pittman introduced a line of coordinating fabric and wallpaper designs available at Paint and Paper in Birmingham.

If it's January, this must be The Franklin Quest stores!

While every retailer is slashing prices this month, Franklin Quest stores can't keep their newest product on the shelves. Customers are grabbing new calendar pages right out of shipping boxes as the New Year begins.

One amazed customer was overheard at the store on Square Lake at Livorno to remark, "Didn't these folks plan for this?"

The report brought a chuckle from manager Gregory Randall. "Ugh! Last Monday alone, I waited on 1,000 clients!" he said. "It happens every year at this time and it's because all those auto executives who've been off since Dec. 20 get back to their offices around Jan. 7 and notice there are no pages in their Franklin Planner for the new year! They race in here and they're wild!"

Randall said the rush is now over until next year. . .

Saka names manager

Phil Brewer of Southfield is the new assistant general manager, administration at the Fairlane Town Center Store in Dearborn. Most recently, he was Assistant Store Manager -

son's, Brewer held positions at Sears and Macy's. A music enthusiast, he sings tenor in the "Voices in Prayers" gospel choir in Flint. He is a single parent to Marcus, 15, and Brianny, 9.

Special events at Borders

• Author/investor Kenneth Janke Sr., discusses "How To Form an Investment Club," Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at Borders Books, 13 Mile and Southfield in Birmingham. The Mutual Investment Club of Detroit, founded in 1941 with \$800 from members, is one of thousands who have followed the principles in his book "Starting and Running a Profitable Investment Club, Random House, \$20.70. Janke reports the club account is now worth more than \$2.1 million - not counting the \$1.5 million members have already withdrawn.

• A French Club forms Jan. 13 beginning at 7 p.m. Interested persons can meet and share conversation and practice "on francise." Look for more meetings the second Monday of each month.

• Jan. 18-19 is for kids ages 3-6 with The Cat in The Hat visiting for stories, crafts and laughs - Saturday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

• On Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. teachers, special educators, counselors and psychologists will be interested in hearing Geraldine Markel, Ph.D. and Judith Greenbaum, Ph.D. present "10 Tips For School Success For Students with Learning and Attention Difficulties." They are co-authors of "Performance Breakthroughs for Students with Learning Disabilities or ADD," Research Press, \$19.80.

• Dr. Judy McKee kicks off the regular parent/teacher series on choosing the best books for children, Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. Her presentation, "Toddlers & Books: Exploration & Mastery."

All events are complimentary, reservations are not required.

News from JGA

JGA (Jon Greenberg & Associates) of Southfield, an internationally known retail design and architecture firm, marks 25 years in the retail design business and announces the appointment of Marcy Goldstein as marketing director.

JGA is re-

Where can I find?

Thanks to all the readers who phoned in locations for hard to find items! We'll run the solutions two or three weeks in a row so everyone has a chance to see them. Because of the growing popularity of this feature, it's become impossible to call readers individually with solutions.

• A reader said she spotted some dry bars at Billy Bob's Recreation. The company confirms they do carry the item at four locations in Westland, Royal Oak, Commerce Twp., and Sterling Heights.

• Another reader called to say she buys Strölachair parts by mail from Babyhood Industries Corp. in Shrewsbury, Mass. She made a call on behalf of the customer for an older model highchair tray was informed by the customer service representative that the item is available, but if the highchair is really old, the side slides might need to be ordered as well as the tray. The number is 1-608-791-7355.

• Doreen Wood suggested the Inkor stainless steel cookware line might be found at home and garden shows like the ones coming up at Cobo Hall and the Novi Expo Center. She said she has seen waterless cooking exhibit booths at these shows.

• Pearl Schoening said a source for Guardian Cookware covers is the Stevens Co. of Anaheim, Ca. 1-714-220-9878. She said the metal covers are no longer manufactured, but glass lids will fit the 1-2- and 4-quart pots, small fryer and roaster pans.

We're still looking for:
• "Jeannine" wants to know what retailer carries clothing by Smooth Ones. "I purchased a pair of Smooth Ones trousers at Loehmann's a month ago and found them to be the best-fitting pants I've ever owned. I want to buy more, but I don't know where to find them."

• Mary Blazo wants to find men's knee-length Suppo-Hose stockings. She said she's purchased them for years and now can't find them locally.

Ruth Clapp of Birmingham is looking for a roller cover for the old frontie mangle. She would appreciate any tips or ideas where to find this very hard-to-locate item!

• A reader is looking for a copy of "Boy on a Dolphin" by David Devine. Since it is now out of print, she'd be willing to buy someone's old copy.

• Another reader is anxious to locate an old album "The First Nine Months Are The Hardest." She said it came out in the 1960s, but can't recall the recording artists.

• Ever see Magic Baking Powder made by Nabisco of Toronto on your grocery shelf? A caller didn't want to travel to Canada any more to buy it.

• A Bloomfield Hills mother was advised to buy her daughter Math To Go, Math Tutor by Texas Instruments and she can't find a place that sells the item.

• A Birmingham resident can't find the Almay hypo-allergic all-over body splash that she used to buy at Montgomery Wards.

• Two callers are looking for out-of-print sheet patterns - king-size flat sheets from Martex in the Trade Blanket pattern, Wamsutta king-size sheets and pillow cases in the Textura pattern.

Someone hopes to track down an April 1946 edition of Ford Times magazine.

• "Beverly" wants to locate Picarelli hamburger relish but can't find a store that stocks it anymore.

• Linda Stockton has heard about clothing made from recycled plastic and is curious about any store locally that has the line. The plastic is turned into fibers that are woven for T-shirts and sweats.

If you've seen any of these items in your travels, let Marcy & Main-streets know and we'll print the answers. Please call (810) 901-2567.

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