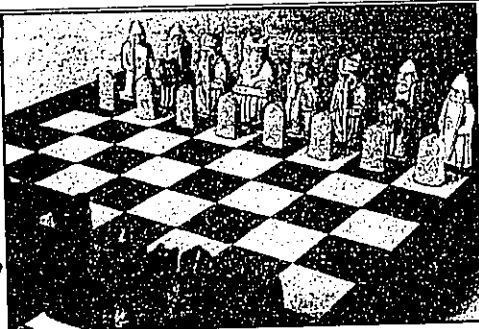




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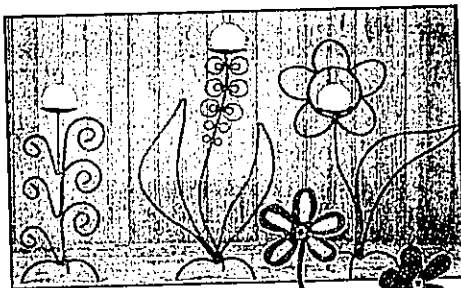
Check it out: "How you play the game" will be with flair with these hand-made Isle of



Lewis chessmen reproductions that feature fine craftsmanship. The chessmen retail for \$155, and the chess board for \$98, at the DIA Museum Shop in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. Call (248) 649-2222. The tale behind the pieces dates back to 1831, when a peasant discovered the collection in a mysterious building that had been buried under sand on the Isle of Lewis. The original 78 pieces, belonging to eight or more sets, now reside in the British Museum and the National Museum in Edinburgh. The chessmen are handcrafted in Hull, England.

Flora and fun-na

Special picks: Gather an unusual "bouquet" with pieces from The Print



Gallery, 29203 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. Renowned Mexican artist Guillermo McClain's steel sculpture in the shape of a daisy comes in 18-, 24- and 29-inch sizes, for \$42.50, \$53.50 and \$63 respectively, and holds a votive candle. Use the daisies individually or in a colorful bouquet. Each of the botanical iron candle stands - daisy, fern and vine - comes with round votive candles. A set of three costs \$75. Call (248) 356-5454.

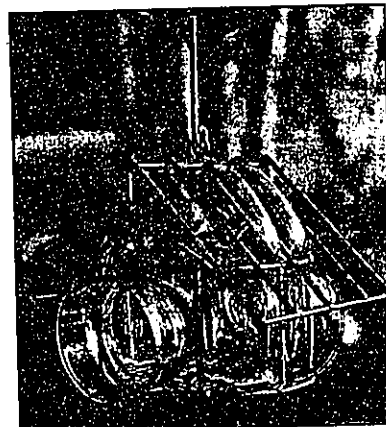
Timely fashion

Clock talk: Howard Miller®, a leading clock manufacturer headquartered in Zeeland, Mich., offers an ideal line of products for that long-postponed redecorating effort or summertime gift giving. For information or to find a store near you, call (616) 772-9131. Among the features of the Arlington Hills grandfather clock are a lightly distressed finish and a book-matched, leafy heart cherry inlay outlined with ebony and mahogany veneers. This elegant inlay is also on the edge of the beveled glass door. The Ivory Roman numeral dial has an antiqued brushed brass-finished bezel as its only adornment, and the pendulum and weights are finished in antiqued brushed brass. An automatic nighttime shut-off option and a free brass heirloom plate are included. The Arlington Hills mantel clock is the perfect accent piece at 13 inches high and 11 inches wide. It features quartered cherry veneers and mahogany on the top, a leafy heart cherry and a border of ebony and mahogany veneers framing the Ivory Roman numeral dial with its antiqued brass-finished bezel. A key-wound, triple chime movement offers a silence option.



Room with a view

Clear choice: Form and function have dramatic appeal with this iron and blown glass bird-house, available for \$42 at The Print Gallery, 29203 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. Birds who live in glass houses are easier to see. Call (248) 356-5454.



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