

Showroom: Fine pieces of European furniture are on display at Daviddi Antiques. The new Farmington Hills business not only sells antiques. It restores damaged furniture and reupholsters old pieces.

Fine antiques shop breathes new life into old Hills carpentry shop

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An old carpentry shop in Farmington Hills has found new life as a fine antiques shop that also specializes in furniture restoration and upholstering.

Walk into Davidid Antiques, at 30365 W. 10 Mile, and you will see an open concept showroom/workshop that flows in an artful way. An array of clocks, slot-machine sized gold cash registers with crank handles, and ornate wood furnishings is belanced by a large workshop where artisans perform their tasks in full view of browsers.

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Neil Daviddi is owner, banjo clock-maker and antiques expert. His shop was formerly located on Telegraph in Dearborn. Bill Rees of Livonia is his assistant.

Community interest

"We've had a lot of interest since we opened the doors last week," said Daviddi. "The community has been very welcoming." Added Rees: "There was a lot of curiosity. We're happy with the local response. People are just wonderful. Neil looked at over 100 places before he found this one."

The outside facado was modernized, but not dramatically altered in keeping with the feel of the neighborhood. The shop is adja-cent to Farmington Hills' potter John Glick's respects.

property.

It appears that all of the 5,000 square feet are being utilized in one capacity or another. At the front of the shop an upholstery work



Details: An ornately carved section of a wooden table.

area is set up, with sewing machine, large work table and extensive fabric samples. Rees emphasizes that the shop renovate all furniture — "it deesn't have to be an antique," he said. "We can take the scratch out of a wood table, or recane a chair." Daviddi was raised in a family in the metal business and has cousins in Italy in antique restoration.

"I learned the old way of restoring pieces," he said. "This is not a typical antique shop. A lot of the European pieces are hard to find. On display recently was an 1830's Louis

On display recently was an 1830's Louis XV black cabinet and two matching chairs, imported from France and stored improperly

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There is a hugo Italian black walnut sideboard carved from one thick piece of wood, circu 1840. An intriguing piece is an art dece English dry bar, from the 1920s. A German 24-hour cuckoo clock features hands carved out of bone. A large, two-faced International Time Co. clock ticks loudly between the showroom and workshop areas. Representing America, circu 1900, is an inlaid wood table with a handcarved pedestal.

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There are smaller items, too — an old wooden telephone with the original guts still intact, ship models of various sizes, chandeliers and table

tamps.

"It's peaceful here, out of the crowd," Daviddi said. "It's a neighborly feel here. And I am pleased to have John Glick as a neighbor. He is a smart and unique gentleman."

Also an inventor

Daviddi is an inventor, too. Displayed in the shop are a wine decanter with spigot and brass cork screws he fashioned himself.

"I keep an open mind all the time," he said. I keep an open mind all the time, he said. The shop plans to offer free workshops on chair caning, and how to stain and strip furniture properly.

Hours are Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 426-7756 for more information.

Leave fledglings alone; food for aquatic birds; moving west



recently received four young sparrows that were orphans. These sparrows were called fledglings. The family that brought them to me decided that they needed to be saved. The problem was that the birds did not need to be saved.

The family informed me, yes there were sparrow parents feed-

ing these young birds. Unfortunately the family would not listen to me when I said, let the parents take care of their own young. So I had these little cute young sparrows for about 10 days until they were able to take care of themselves. They would have been so much better off with their own family.

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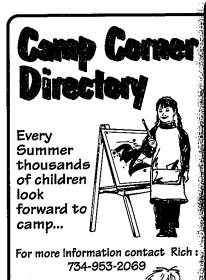
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'The New Duck Handbook' by Matthew Vriends, Ph.D., (1999)

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