

## INTERIOR DESIGN

## Turn closet cleaning into a lifetime lesson

Cleaning your children's closets affords the perfect opportunity to teach them how to share with others.

Here are some simple tips on instructing your children how to build a better home and community.

"Get into your children's closets and roll up your sleeves," said Brian Kincaid, senior product manager at Rubbermaid®. "While you are doing something good in your house, it is also the perfect time to teach your children to do something generous outside your home by donating items you no longer use to your favorite charity."

## ■ Make it fun.

Getting your children to clean closets will be easier if you make it fun. Play music they like. Or turn it into a game or challenge between siblings, by seeing who can come up with the best or most creative way to organize in the quickest amount of time.

■ Get rid of clothing items that no longer fit or are no longer worn.

The first and most important rule is to discard those items no longer worn. Children are constantly growing-up and out of clothes and shoes. Clearing out these belongings is a valuable time-saver as well as a space saver.

■ Teach children the joy of giving.

While imparting the lessons of organization to your children,

you also can use this project as a lesson about sharing. Instead of throwing out last year's coats, shoes and clothes that will no longer be worn, pack those gently-used items in a Rubbermaid tote and donate it to your local Salvation Army or local shelter. Not only will the things be appreciated, but the tote can be reused as well. Challenging your children to give away what they no longer need will help pare down their closets and spark enthusiasm about doing good for others.

■ Make it easy for your kids to stay organized.

Kids are more likely to follow through if given definite instructions on how to do something.

Be specific and give everything its own place.

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

**CRAFTERS WANTED**  
The St. John Bosco (12170 Beech Daly, Redford) Fun Fair will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Limited space available. Call (313) 937-3856 or (313) 634-3808.

## SPRING CRAFT SHOW

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold its first-ever Spring Craft Show on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nearly 20 exhibitors are expected to display a range of arts and crafts items including Easter gifts, woodworking, fun products and handmade stuffed animals. Proceeds from the craft show will benefit St. Mary Mercy's Employee Activities Committee which is sponsor-

## Glass exhibit featured in April

April marks the 21st celebration of Michigan Glass Month. Native West in Plymouth will celebrate this wonderful art with "Etchings in Glass," the store's first April glass exhibit, and join as a participant with other local and regional galleries, artists, and museums. The opening reception is scheduled for noon-4 p.m. Sunday, April 1.

Native West features two Southwestern artists, Maryann Wagner of Tucson, Ariz., creates beautiful hand-drawn native symbols and figures on her crystal. She hand-cuts her original artwork and traditional Native American designs into mouth-blown and hand-

blown lead-free crystal by using a sandblasting technique that encompasses both carving and etching. Native West will have a selection of Maryann's work for sale during the exhibit month, including bowls, vases and plectrums with many of the items being limited editions.

Sara Creekmore of Magladena, N. M., works with the finest, fused, blown and lamp-worked dichroic glass available. Colorful paperweights and glass jewelry are what Sara is known for.

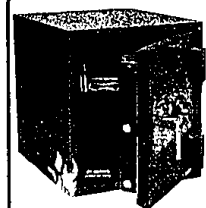
The paperweights are beautiful, ethereal hot glass that abounds with swirls of multi-colored dichroic glass. Each piece is signed and dated.

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Beauty, color and ancient symbols will be shown at Native West, 883 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth, during April. Other participants include Penniman Gallery in Plymouth and York Street Glass in Old Village Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8898.

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ing the event. The craft show will be held in the Auditorium, located inside the hospital at 36475 Five Mile Road, at Levan, in Livonia. Call Amanda Hosko at (734) 655-8942.

**TOUCH OF SPRING**  
The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School (20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia) is sponsoring "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Over 150 juried crafters. Admission is \$2. No strollers please. Babysitting, raffle and snack bar.

**CRATE SALE**  
A craft sale will be held March 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (656 S. Wayne Road) in Westland. For space call (734) 729-1605. Stop by to browse or buy.

**CRAFTERS WANTED**  
Livonia Stevenson High School (33500 W. Six Mile, Livonia just west of Farmington Road) presents our Spring Spectacular

Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Over 100 crafters, concession lunch available, strollers welcome. Call Barb (248) 478-2395 or Debbie (248) 478-0315. Lunch runners available for crafters. Admission \$2.

**HANDCRAFTERS ARTS/CRRAFTS HANDCRAFTERS** will be sponsoring its 9th annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 6; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 7 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 8 at the Northville Recreation Center (303 W. Main Street). Over 70 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florals, stained glass, baskets, wood items and clothing. Lunch will be available. Admission, \$2. No baby strollers. Call (734) 459-0059.

**ARTISTS/CRRAFTERS WANTED**  
Artists and crafters wanted for the Plymouth Community Summer Festival Friday, June 14, 11 a.m. through through Sunday,

June 17, at 5 p.m. Held on the grounds of Compuware Arena, M-14 and Beck Road. Call Sandra at (313) 543-2801.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**  
Canton Township would like to extend an invitation to all artists to be involved in the 10th Annual Fine Arts and Craft Show at Liberty Fest 2001. The dates of the show are June 23 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and 24 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Artists can choose to display their work under "the big tent" or can bring their own tent. The show is juried and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of their work from the approved categories: Painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed. Deadline for an application submission is April 16. Call Sharon Dillenbeck of D & M Studio's at (734) 463-3710.

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