

**DESIGNS** HAVE STYLE, STRENGTH IN LINE

Going modern: Breuer chairs, Saarinen side tables and a Plattner coffee table are featured in this setting at Bob Kupfer's residence. Accessories in basic geometric shapes accent the smooth lines of modernism design.

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verything today is thoroughly mod-crn..." To enthusiasts of the design style called modernism, those words are more than lyrics from a Julie Andrews

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Modernism is 20th century design clear of the ornamentation of the Victorian cra.

It includes Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Streamline, Prairie School, Arts and Crafts, Industrial and Moderne styles. Among the designers are Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Herman Miller, Herywood-Wakefield and the Stickleys.

There's an explosion of desire (for modernism) now, said Cary Skoglund of Decades, an antique shop at 8070 N. Territorial in Plymouth specializing in modernism.

Decades also does refinishing and restoration. Among its recent Moderne projects are an Eames chair originally designed for the Time-Life Building, and a Heywood-Wakefield bureau set.

The annual Michigan Modernism Exposition is one of the top four shows of its kind in the country.

This year's event will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29, again at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (1012 Mille). It will feature 78 of the nation's most prominent modernism merchants.

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BILLY PROTO IT JIMIT ZOLDREN Light touch: This lamp, topped with glass fruit, emits a soft glow.



erniam's appeal. The style's significance and strength are also involved.

"It's the combination of the industrial revolution and new and streamlined type processes," Skoglund said.

Skoglund's dining room contains a Mission style table and office chairs, he said.

"A lot of the moderniam things are so very functional and so very durable," Skoglund said.

## Going modern

Bob Kupfer has furnished his Bloomfield Hills residence with a variety of modernism pieces, some of which he bought at past Michigan mod-ernism expositions. Two been drawn to it, said Kupfer, owner of Tiffany

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"I tend to like
symmetry and linear things."
A setting in
Kupfer's living
room features
chrome and black
leather Wassiby
lounge chairs by
Bero Saarinen, and
a nickel and glass
coffee table by Warren Plattner.
Here, as elsewhere throughout the house, a
grouping of accessories in basic geometric
shapes accents the clean, smooth lines of
modernism.
Nearby is a Mies van der Rohe daybed and
a side table by Plattner.
In another room, colorful Art Nouveau silksereens by E.A. Seguy line the walls. Also
here are a while Venetian glass lamp by
Knoll and a "smail" table — its base in a gentle curve — by Vladimir Kagan.
Another art work is the bright Italian
poster advertising a cleaning service. Smaller

#### Detroit deco

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The Detroit Area Art Deco Society is among the annual participants in the exposition. This year, the DAADS will have a booth in celebration of Detroit's 300th birthday, showcasing examples of the city's designs from the Art Deco era.

An example of this heritago is the Telenews theater, which opened on Woodward in 1942 and was featured in the DAADS newsletter, The Modern, last fall.

The Telenews had a Streamlined Moderne fneade in orange and turquoise terra cotta. The theater was renamed the TeleArts in 1988 and closed three years later.

"It will surprise a lot of people." Susann Spilkin of DAADS said of the planned display, "People tend to think of Detroit as

planned display.
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think of Detroit as
(just) the 'Car city."

The DAADS was founded in 1986 by a group of collectors and enthusiasts interested in the designs and preservation of the decorative objects, architecture and style of the Art

Deco period.

The society's eighth annual gala preview party for the modernism exposition will take place April 27 (see related story).

Hours of the Michigan Modernism Exposition will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 28 and noon to 5 p.m. April 29.

Admission is 57 with any ads or listings of the event, \$8 regular, free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is good for both days.

days.
Previews are available at
www.antiquet.com/M&M

Artistic: This sculpture is an example of

Art Deco school of design.

Setting: Above, a Mies van der Rohe daybed and Plattner side table are among the other modernism furnishings in Kupfer's residence. At left, Kupfer stands by his Italian poster that is another example of modernism.

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This Datroll Area Art Deco Society's eighth annual Michigan Modernism Proview Party will take place 7-10 p.m. Fridary, April 27, at the Southfeld Cavic Center, Evergreen at 105 Mills Road. The Satin Dolls will portform tunes of the 1930s, '40s and '50s. Wine and hors of occurres will also be featured. Proceeds will benefit the DAADS, a private, not for-profit corporation that provides deuclation, documentalism, mometary sponsorship, scholarships and design assistance to the

sponsorous, community.
Tickets are \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door, For advance tickets, call (248) 582-DECO or visit one of these outlets:

■ Dayld Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend in Birmingham, (248) 433-270

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Board Mein Gallery, 163 Townsend in Birmingham, (248) 43
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Artspace II, 303 E. Maple in Birmingham, (248) 258-1540

Decades, 8070 N. Territorial in Plymouth, (734) 354-0142

PaintSmart, 546 N. Penilae Trail in Walted Lake, (248) 960-6700

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(248) 344/7200

Modernago, 25 N, Saginaw in Pontiac, (248) 745/0999

Antiques on Main, 115 S, Main in Royal Osk, (248) 545-663

Doco Doug, 106 W, Fourth in Royal Osk, (248) 547-3333

Paris, 112 F, Fourth in Royal Osk, (248) 547-3333

Modernago, 106 S, Main in Ann Arbor, (734) 930-0757

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Tiola's Objects as Art, 1114 E, Mount Hopo Ave. In Lansing, (517) 484-5413

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