

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@cs.comcomm.net

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Do you have a crafting skill and would like to start earning money for Christmas? We are looking for you. St. Aloysius Church in Romulus is having a festival, Aug. 24-26 and we are in need of crafters. For additional information call (734) 941-5056 (Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

FALL CRAFT SHOW

St. Damian Parish of Westland is looking for crafters for its Fall Arts and Craft Show that will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 throughout the school. For more information,

please call (734) 421-6130.

CRAFT SHOW

St. Theodore Catholic Church will hold their Annual Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Table rental is \$20. Call Thelma (734) 464-9598 to reserve a table.

CRAFT SHOW

Crafters wanted and tables are available for the Oct. 19-21 Harvest Moon Craft Show at Livonia Mall. Hundreds of crafts for sale. Call (248) 476-1150.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Crafters needed for the 15th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 20 at West Middle School (44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Terri (248) 349-5344.

CHURCHILL ARTS/CRRAFTS

Join us for the 10th Annual Fall

Churchill PTSA Arts/Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at Churchill High School (6900 Newburgh Road) in Livonia. Admission \$2. Call for an application (734) 623-0022.

FALL CRAFT SHOW

Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its 10th Annual Fall Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. We are located at 8900 Newburgh Road, just north of Joy Road. Admission is \$2. If you would like an application or more information call (734) 623-0022.

ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (24931 Union at Westwood) of Dearborn has tables available for its 20th Annual Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 27. Eight foot tables are \$25. Call (313) 662-9246 for information.

CRAFTERS WANTED

St. Robert Bellarmine at West Chicago and Inkster in Redford is sponsoring their annual Christmas Bazaar on Oct. 27 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Table rental is \$25 for an 8 foot table. If you would like a contract mailed to you call Nancy (313) 937-1741 or Evelyn (313) 633-5265.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR St. Robert Bellarmine Church (West Chicago and Inkster Roads) will host their Annual Christmas Bazaar Oct. 27. Table rental is now available. Contact Nancy (313) 937-1741 or Evelyn (313) 633-5265.

CRAFTERS BOUGHT The "Home for the Holidays" Arts and Craft Show, sponsored by Farmington High School (39000 Shawwassee), is seeking crafters for its 12th annual show on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Susan Nichols at (248) 476-9674.

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"People are trying to bring in more color into the room and they're going back to more traditional and they're doing that with furniture, too," Richter said. "Before people were just doing blinds. They took down everything their mother had and now what their mother kept is in style again."

The store offers no cost or obligation shop at home services with advice and guidance from decorators.

In some larger stores that sell blinds, Richter said, customers end up asking window treatment questions to someone who normally works in the plumbing section of the store.

This is a good way to get bad information, she added.

"We have very well trained salespeople and that's all they do is sell window treatments and that makes a big difference," Richter said.

Hodge said her company has 11,000 styles of blinds in stores throughout the world.

Going for green

She agreed with Oeler that neutral colors are the most popular. But those who step out of the safe comfort zone of following the masses most often go for mossy green tones.

And the daring decorator chooses among pictures of all

sorts, featuring anything from Roman and Egyptian cities to seascapes, etched on the blinds.

"A lot of people like the leafy and ruy patterns," she added.

Hodge recommends staying away from fabric blinds in bathrooms and kitchens, because they're extremely hard to clean. Most people, she said, choose vinyl blinds that look like fabric, because they're easier to maintain.

"We say blinds should last a lifetime," Richter said.

"We have a lifetime guarantee that's not limited," she added. "That's why we normally say go with neutral colors, so when you go to move, you can add them in the cost of the home."

Oeler and Richter also stressed the importance of trusting your sales person.

"Make sure they've been in the business for an extended period of time," Oeler said. "There are so many independent brands, some of which are very good, and some of which are not so good."

"There's nothing wrong with an independent brand, if it's a quality independent brand and backed up by the company that manufactures them."

Diane Gels Andreucci lives in Livonia and writes about homes, gardens and food for the Observer.

HOME TOURS

FARMINGTON

The Farmington Area Heritage home tour is scheduled 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16. Eight homes, mostly 19th century Victorian and Greek Revival, both in Farmington as well as around Farmington Hills, will be open. Tickets - good both days - are

\$12. Tickets are available on tour days from the Governor Warner Mansion (Farmington Historical Museum) at 33805 Grand River. Advance tickets at a discount price of \$10 are available from the Farmington City Hall, Farmington Hills City Hall, Governor Warner Mansion, and Metrobank locations.

Enter our sunflower contest

Growing sunflowers this summer? Keep nurturing them, give them plenty of sunshine and water and you just may have a winner.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and English Gardens are sponsoring their second annual High Hopes Sunflower Contest. First-, second- and third-place finishers for the tallest plant and widest seed head categories will be awarded. Winners will receive \$75, \$60 or \$25 gift certificates from English Gardens. Check the Observer & Eccentric Newspa-

pers for entry forms. Please enclose information on how you cared for the plant or any other details or circumstances about the plant.

The deadline for entries is Monday, Aug. 27. The top entries in length and seed head for the 2001 season will be verified by judges.

Prizes will be awarded Sunday, Sept. 16, at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Winners must appear at the awards to claim their prize.

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