

DIVERSIONS

CRAFT CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in the Arts & Crafts Calendar to: Kelly Kaleski Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36261 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314. E-mail: kwygonik@oe.com. Please copy and paste info into an e-mail or send as a text file.

SHOWS

Stevenson High School: Stevenson High School Booster Club is holding its annual Spring Spectacular Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23. Admission \$2. There will be concessions available all day long and strollers are welcome. One hundred crafters are expected. Crafter applications are still being accepted. All proceeds go to support extra-curricular activities at the high school.

Franklin High School: Spring show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 16. The show is at the school on Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman) and sponsored by the Patriot Club. Admission \$1. All proceeds go to the Athletic Department to be used by all sports equally. Crafters can call Julie (734) 522-5287 to reserve a space.

St. John's Episcopal Church: Crafts & More Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 23, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 South Wayne Road, Westland 48186. Call (734) 729-1605 for space (no answer - leave message), \$25 for an 8 foot table. Come in to browse or buy, Easter Trees, Crocheted Items and much more.

CRAFTERS/ARTISTS SOUGHT

Schoolcraft College: Crafters of every ilk are encouraged to apply for a spot in the 2002 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 9-10. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000 people. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category to maintain a balanced representation in each craft. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. The show features all types of handmade crafts

including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarving. Applications must be received by May 3. To obtain an application, contact the Marjorie Lynch at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008. Schoolcraft College is at 16600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads west of 1-275. Holiday craft show: Applications are being accepted for the 16th annual Holiday Magic Craft Show at Leonard Elementary in Troy. The show is scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 2. For applications/information e-mail craftshow@prodigy.net or call Marion at 248-680-1533. **Franklin Arts Council:** The Franklin Arts Council is seeking artists in all media for the annual Labor Day Fine Arts Show, "Art on The Green," in Franklin Village, Sept. 2. For an application, call (248) 594-3093.

Stevenson High School: Stevenson High School Booster Club is holding its annual Spring Spectacular Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 23. Admission is \$2.00. There will be concessions available all day long and strollers are welcome. 100 crafters are expected in the show, and applications from crafters are still being accepted. All proceeds go to support extra-curricular activities at SHS.

Livonia Arts Commission: is looking for artists and crafters for its 26th annual Arts Festival Saturday-Sunday, June 8-9, in Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. For an application, call the community resources department at (734) 466-2540. Exhibitors are also wanted for the display cases in the Livonia Civic Center Library. Artists or collectors should contact Donna Eno at (734) 261-5870.

ART CLASSES

Plymouth Road and Cane: Basket weaving classes, workshops and chair caning and seat replacement classes. Beginning Decorative Painting Class, fabric painting and other classes, 1200 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-2150. **Visual Art Association of Livonia:** Classes in various arts forms including oil, watercolor, pastel and drawing at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Road, Livonia. Mary Ann Adams, (734) 455-9517

Focus on dazzling sunsets

Among the most beautiful and unforgettable images awaiting your camera are sunrises and sunsets. They can be dazzling in color, rich in tones, striking in composition, and easier to obtain than you might think.

Here are some tips to help you capture them on film.

■ Use a long telephoto lens when you want to make the sun appear like a giant ball of fire and a normal or wide-angle lens when you wish to accentuate spaciousness or show a vast, striking cloud formation.

■ It's important to place foreground subjects in the viewfinder to "frame" your picture and give it a foundation. Subjects can be trees, buildings, boats, even people. Because you meter off the sky, all foreground objects will appear as dramatic black silhouettes.

■ Remember to take your exposure readings off the sky next to the sun. Make an exposure at this setting and take a couple more at progressively smaller apertures. You'll find that by underexposing in this manner, your pictures will have deeper, bolder, and richer colors.

■ Try using color slide film

instead of color negative film. You'll be pleasantly surprised at the more saturated colors you'll obtain. Then, have enlargements made from your favorite shots.

■ Pay close attention to horizons. Make absolutely sure that they are running horizontal across the viewfinder. A tilting horizon can be very distracting.

■ While sunrise/sunset photographs can be excitingly colorful, the use of a colored filter will further enhance your shot. Imagine a descending sun surrounded by a dramatic cloud pattern photographed through an orange, red or purple filter. You'll be delighted with the results.

■ You don't always have to place the sun in your picture. Wait until the sun dips behind a dark cloud and then capture the sunbeams as they spill through the ground. Or wait until the sun has totally descended and see how the sky and clouds invite your camera with their gradually deepening color hues.

A word of caution: For eye safety, avoid looking directly at the sun through the viewfinder. With a little practice, you'll find it easy to place the sun where you desire in the composition without having to look straight at it. Sunrise/sunset photos are easy to take. The results will make you proud of your photographic abilities and may just give you a sunny disposition.

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Dramatic: How's this for a Lake Michigan sunset? Tall grass in the foreground enhances the picture. Hills. You can leave him a message on a touch-tone phone. His fax page by dialing (734) 953-2047 number is (248) 644-1314.

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