

Tabled: This piece of thousand-eye glass decorates the dining room table at the Mansion, which is set for dinner.



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ple to learn from," she said.

Which is not to say it's easy to create. The museum has store mannequins, which don't bend at the waist, so Horvath has had to improvise. One mannequin seated next to a tea table in the parlor doesn't actually have a "sit" upon, "as she puts it, but is propped with foam and masking tape.

Bendable mannequins can cost from \$1,500 to \$4,000 - but can also be made to look like the donor. Having more of them would allow more displays of what life was really like in the Victorian era, Horvath added.

Some of what's already in place looks pretty life-like. The dining room table, set with the Warner family's Wedgwood china and accessories from the "thousand-eye glass" collection on full display upstairs, includes "fake food." While the roasted chicken seems a little... spare, the vegetable side dishes and chocolate frosted cake look good enough to eat.

"We were careful in creating a meal they would have had back then," she said. Included are garden vegetables, like red potatoes and asparagus, and fresh fruit. "Good 'fake food,'" Horvath said, can be expensive. She's seen a pitcher of lemonade that sold for \$120, and the top-of-the-line chicken ran \$98.

"There are places that produce

fake food for photographers and theater," she said. "I found them on the web. You just go hunting wherever you can."

The "thousand-eye glass," volunteer Dick Carvell explained, is a pressed glass made in the Pittsburgh area in the 1870s. "A gentleman gave us his mother's collection," he said.

While dinner waits on the table and the ladies in the parlor enjoy their tea, a diorama on the second floor depicts two women priming for company. Those mannequins aren't adorned with the long hair Victorian women preferred; Horvath is negotiating for a "wig swap" with a local business.

But one of the ladies is holding a curling iron, which back then had no temperature controls.

"My theory is that's why they had real long hair," Horvath jokes, "because they kept burning off the ends." Another unique second floor display is that of a graduation dress, which is hung on a cross form, made by Carvell. Behind the dress are pictures of women wearing it.

"It's kind of neat to have a piece of something you've not displayed," Horvath said; adding it's also somewhat unusual.

"Right now, the Mansion's biggest problem is storage. Sorted clothing has been wrapped and boxed, and the boxes are



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Dressed up: Mansion director Linda Horvath shows how clothing is displayed, with the sleeves and curves of the garment bolstered by acid-free tissue paper. This garment is on display in a second floor bedroom.

labeled so volunteers don't have to dig through pieces to find what they need. But there's still a whole basement of stuff to catalog.

It's fun to open the boxes, kind of like Christmas, but then it comes time to decide what to keep and where to keep it. The truly enjoyable work comes in creating a scene in each room that tells a tale of the times.

"That's really the fun part of the museum," Horvath said, "coming up with a story and seeing if you can do it."

On the horizon are plans to tie in events with the Founder's Festival in July. Carvell is making contacts to put together a display of antique cars and a

group of history buffs, the Qesters, have talked about hosting an antique sale.

Horvath also made a pitch to have the city dig a small pond so the Museum could display a vintage sailboat, but she doesn't think that's going very far.

The idea behind creating annual events is to draw people into the Mansion, which is open Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

"We're kind of off the beaten path," Carvell said. "We'd like to get people in."

"To volunteer or for more information about the Governor Warner Mansion, call the city offices, 248-474-5500.

Board members Inch and Webb will run again

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Residents who want a say in how schools are run can file now to run for office on June 10.

Veteran school board members R. Jack Inch and Cathy Webb currently hold the two, four-year terms which are up for election. Both will seek re-election.

Petitions and affidavits of identity forms are available 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center, 32500 Shiawassee, just east of Farmington Road.

These forms must be filed by 4 p.m. Monday, April 8. The number of required signatures is 20.

Both Inch, 70, and Webb, 60, cited experience as one reason for their decisions to run for re-election. That experience means informed decisions, they say.

Inch, a professor of Economics at Oakland Community College, was re-elected in 1992, 1996, 1999, 1994 and 1998.

Inch holds bachelors and masters degrees from Wayne State University. He has lived in Farmington since 1959 and with his wife, Sandy, has four children, Terry, Amy, Caruso, Christopher and Patrick.

"I feel education has given me an opportunity in life and I want to help as many students as I can," Inch said.

School Board President Webb was elected in 1990 and re-elected in 1994 and 1998.

Webb is a part-time advertising artist. She and husband Jim have two sons, Jim and Matthew. They have lived in Farmington Hills for more than 22 years.

She holds a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University and is active in numerous community and school organizations.

"We are still facing many challenges," Webb said. She wants to continue her work on a broad number of district issues, which include budget concerns and

accreditation.

To be eligible to run, a person must be:

- a registered voter in the school district where he or she is a candidate
- at least 18 years of age
- U.S. citizen
- a Michigan resident for at least 30 days

- a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the June 10 school board election

A person need not own property in the district.

Withdrawal of a nomination must be done in writing and signed by the candidate. Candidates who wish to be removed from the ballot must sign a written withdrawal by 4 p.m. April 11.

As a general rule, votes cast for a write-in candidate cannot be counted, unless the candidate has filed a declaration of intent no later than 4 p.m. on the Friday before the election.

The last day to register to vote for the June 10 election is May 13. To register, go to any Secretary of State office or contact the city clerk in your city. Absentee voter ballots are available by May 13.

The Farmington Board of Education meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Board members are paid \$30 for a public meeting. This cannot exceed one meeting a night or 52 meetings a year.

The district encompasses the city of Farmington, most of the city of Farmington Hills and a portion of West Bloomfield Township, north of 14 Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt. It has about a \$130 million budget with more than 12,000 students.

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