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Accents

Holiday fair

Find creative gift items for the home at the Holiday Art Fair, sponsored by the

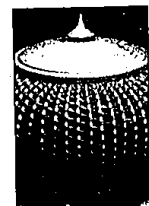


Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans. The guild presents the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair.

The fair will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-3, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Lake Road and I-696 in Farmington Hills.

It will take place at Building H on the OCC campus.

Works by 130 juried, contemporary artists will be featured, including time pieces constructed from



found metal objects by Duane Scherer of Lathrup Village and baskets by Helen Springer of Milford (samples of which are shown here).

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$3, free for under age 12.

Parking is free. Refreshments from Classic Cuisine of Farmington Hills will be available.

Half of the admission receipts will be donated to Arbor Hospice in support of its Pathfinders program, which provides art therapy for children grieving the loss of a loved one.

For more information, call the guild at (734) 662-3382.

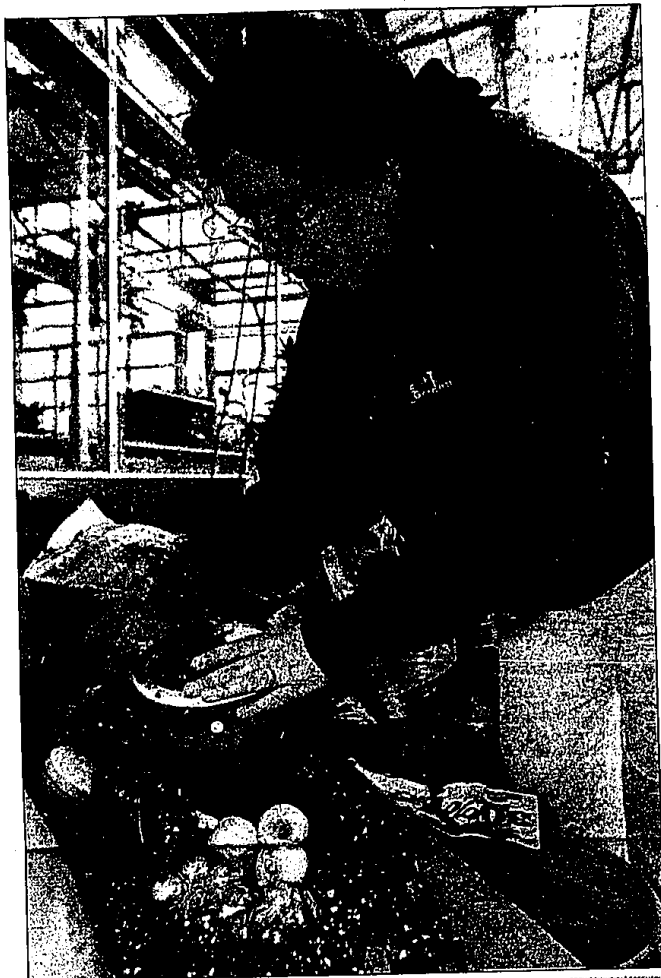
Volunteers wanted

The Michigan Humane Society has moved its administrative operations from three former locations to a new office on the south service drive of Northwestern Highway near Lahser and 11 Mile in Southfield.

Volunteer clerical assistance is needed to support the MHS efforts at the office, which include events, fund-raising, community and media relations, retail sales, accounting, operations and volunteer areas.

Volunteer receptionists are needed for flexible full- or part-time shifts 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. They will answer phones, greet visitors and perform other clerical duties.

Computer skills are helpful but not required. The office is at 26711 Northwestern Highway, Suite 175. Interested parties should call the MHS Volunteer Department at (248) 799-7460.



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Heather Bowman-Tomlinson of English Gardens puts dirt on her bulbs.

Fooling Mother Nature

Summer is long gone and winter's whites and grays are imminent.

But the scents and sights of fresh blooms on tables and night stands need not disappear, courtesy of bulb forcing.

The process, which is both easy and inexpensive, amounts to tricking flower bulbs into off-season blooming.

"That's the appeal. It's so easy to do," said Sylvie Jamieson, assistant manager at Smith & Hawken in Birmingham. "Anybody can do this."

Yes, Mother Nature can sometimes be fooled. Besides the obvious sensory appeal, flowering bulbs make for interesting observation in the home.

"It's kind of its own little miracle," Jamieson said. "You have this little bulb that starts out plain and blooms into a beautiful big flower in the middle of winter."

Children especially enjoy watching the growth cycle, said Heather Bowman-Tomlinson, an associate who teaches bulb forcing seminars at English Gardens, which has locations in Dearborn, Royal Oak



Select large bulbs that are firm and solid. To test firmness, simply squeeze bulbs in the palm of your hand. Larger bulbs net bigger and more blossoms.

and West Bloomfield. "For kids to watch an amaryllis grow 2 inches a day is fantastic," Bowman-Tomlinson said.

HOW-TO-DO

There are two methods to force bulbs: placement in water or in soil, with the second option being a

little more difficult and time-consuming than the first.

The easiest approach with either method is to buy a kit with pre-cooled bulbs. A kit costs more than if you were to assemble the supplies yourself, but comes with instructions and only requires adding water.

If you don't wish to use a kit, you'll need to take care in choosing and preparing bulbs. Healthy bulbs are firm, not soft or mushy. To test, squeeze them in the palm of your hand. Buy larger, more expensive bulbs, too.

"The bigger, the better," Bowman-Tomlinson said. "If you go cheap, you don't get as big a flower nor do you get as many blooms."

Keep in mind bulbs with sprouts will bloom earlier than those without. When planting multiple bulbs in a single container, select bulbs of equal maturity, so all pop up at once.

CHILL OUT

Next, it's time to trick the bulbs into blooming by cooling them in a

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Kingswood Giftorama set to open

The spirit of giving takes a special form with Kingswood Giftorama.

Kingswood Giftorama is a specialty gift show featuring items from shopkeepers and by artists from across the country. The 32nd annual event will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9-10, at Cranbrook Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills. Proceeds benefit Cranbrook Schools.

The elegant Champagne Opening, a preview party, is scheduled for 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

Giftorama participants offer a wide range of merchandise - including gifts for the home, music, children's accessories, wearables and gourmet treats. Lunch and light snacks will be available.

Fine art photography by Gene Meadows will be featured this year. Meadows recently completed the *Cranbrook Intimate Space* series, which was bought by the Detroit Institute of Arts. Meadows' photographs will be displayed in a new space at Giftorama. Here he also will sell framed and unframed prints, posters, cards and his new book, *Detroit Revisited*.

Admission to Giftorama is \$7 per person. Visitors should enter through the main gate located at 39221 Woodward, between Lone Pine and Long Lake roads. Parking and shuttle service are free.

The preview will feature food, champagne and live music. Patrons have a selection of ticket levels from which to choose. They receive free admission passes for Nov. 9 and 10.

For more information about tickets to the Champagne Opening, call Sonia Ajluni Pastore at (248) 645-3565.

Shops new to Giftorama this year are Pine Street Marketplace of Birmingham, Snooty Pettie of West Bloomfield, Book Beat of Oak Park, Frame Femmes of East Lansing, Wonders of the Woods of Cass City, Carp River Trading Company of Traverse City, Little Cottage Designs of Harbor Springs, Bourgeois Pearls of Chicago, Little Follies of Minneapolis, Mumbo Yo Yo of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., The Secret Ingredient of Richmond, Ind., Doodle Bags Inc. of Stuart, Fla., Le Mousseux Sparkling Cider and Signature Specialties of Fredericksburg, Va., Mona of Carolina Beach, N.C., Rant & Rave of McAllen, Texas, Regalia of Phoenix, Silverwear of San Francisco, and Workroom Partners Inc. of New York City.

Among local merchants featured this year are Cranbrook Offerings of Bloomfield Hills, Jenene Johnson of Southfield, The Enchanted Wreath of Troy, Charmed Innocence and Kidstuff Ltd. of West Bloomfield, Bon Loo of Grosse Pointe, The Christmas Shop of St. Clair Shores, and Enchanting Gifts of Ferndale.

Other Michigan shops include The Casual Man, Woman, Home and Garden of Saugatuck, Cherry Republic of Glen Arbor, Great Turtle Toys of Mackinac Island, Heather Lane Pottery of Grand Rapids, Apron Strings and L'Esprit of Harbor Springs, and Quinn's Essentials: Gifts,

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