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## Accents

### Art & accessories

The Home Accessory Warehouse's fourth annual Gala Art Event, a benefit for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, is set for 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the store, 1017 W. Maple in Walled Lake. Visit the show-room, save 20 to 50 percent on merchandise over \$20, bid in a silent auction and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres. The sale continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17. All proceeds benefit Karmanos. For more information, call (248) 624-6700.

### Boutique accents

Marshall Field's recently introduced Fields At, a new department featuring unusual home accessories and gifts, the kind found in bou-



tiques and specialty stores. Three distinct lines are featured in all local Fields At departments: Grand Casual, updated traditional pieces inspired by such looks as French country, Romantic Bohemian, accents with a hip, offbeat sensibility; and America's Altic, an assortment of rustic decorative items.

### Cheers for chairs

The eighth annual Chair Affair raised more than \$65,000 for the Furniture Resource Center, a not-for-profit organization that provides gently used home furnishings and appliances to needy families throughout Oakland County. Chair Affair showcases ordinary household chairs and other furniture turned into works of art by interior designers, architects, artists and other notable personalities. The pieces are auctioned and the proceeds go to the FRC.

During this year's live auction, 33 pieces were auctioned before an audience of 275. A table designed by Lois Primeau drew the highest bid of the evening (\$2,100). The event took place last month in Pontiac.

The FRC currently has 300 families on a waiting list for beds, stoves, refrigerators and washers and dryers. To donate any of these items, call the FRC at (248) 332-1300.

### Light idea

Light Affection is a new gift idea from a tech-design company in Long Beach, Calif.

The product turns a photograph into a personalized lamp, one that fits anywhere a conventional framed photo stand would. Prices are \$119 for a 4 by 6 inches, \$159 for a 5 by 7 inches, and \$239 for a 8 by 10 inches. For more information and purchasing, visit [www.lightaffection.com](http://www.lightaffection.com).



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The headboard of this bed from Lane Furniture's Country Living Collection rotates, alternating fabric and wood surfaces.

## Casual furnishings return with color

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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The fashion industry has the New York catwalks, but the furniture industry has High Point, a semiannual show in North Carolina that draws more than 70,000 manufacturers, retailers and buyers.

Local furniture retailers attend the show to track trends and make plans for next spring's showroom offerings.

With casual living on the rise, one trend in particular, Cottage Revival, piqued the interest of Edward Wolf, president of Newton Furniture, which is based in Livonia and has stores in Novi, Bloomfield Hills and Utica. Wolf attends the show annually.

"There was a big return to the cottage look," Wolf said of this year's show.

"In homes today we're not really seeing a formal dining room and a formal living room as much. They're still out there, but the styles are a little more casual and comfortable. People today don't use formal dining rooms except for maybe Christmas and Thanksgiving, so furniture has to become more practical."

Today's families are simply more likely to use and gather in a casual dining room setting, Wolf said. Cottage Revival with its oak fabrics, shut-ter door treatments and use of pine certainly evokes that feeling of casual living and ease.

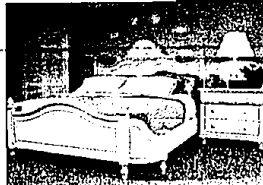
Wolf's choice in Cottage Revival for Newton Furniture next spring is a pine collection by Stanley Furniture with finish options in natural, black and white.

Tom DeCorte, vice president of merchandising for Art Van Furniture, also noticed a trend



COURTESY ART VAN FURNITURE AND NEWTON FURNITURE

Above, the Country Living line by Lane Furniture is scheduled for Art Van Furniture showrooms in the spring. These pieces from the collection show the current trend of mixing different color finishes in decorating homes. At left, a romantic, handcarved shell motif highlights the headboard of the Victorian bed from Stanley Furniture's new Cottage Revival Collection.



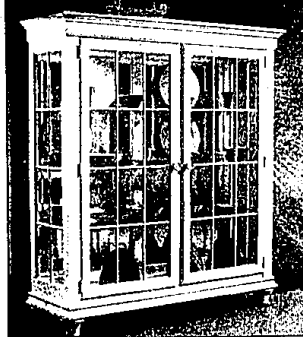
toward casual, yet updated classic, furniture and interiors.

"It's a relaxed look," he said. "But it's not the sloppy slipcover look." Thicker upholstery in fabrics like cotton twill and denim, cleaner lines and updated styling are all characteristics that define the new casual trend, he said.

"One line scheduled for Art Van's showrooms in the spring, Country Living by Lane Furniture, features contemporary takes on American country pieces.

"It has a little bit of a Northern Michigan feeling, but it's not a rustic cottage look. It's

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COURTESY NEWTON FURNITURE

Stanley Furniture's new Cottage Revival Collection reflects an updated, relaxed lifestyle. This Cottage Revival piece, called China, features windowpane doors, curio ends, a mirrored back, and three adjustable glass shelves.

## Cranbrook Holiday Tables set for style

BY MARY KLEMIC  
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The tables are turned in a creative way at Holiday Tables, presented by the Cranbrook House & Gardens Auxiliary to benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House.

Exhibitors in the annual event design imaginative table settings that serve distinctive ideas for holiday entertaining. The decorated tables are displayed at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, in partnership with Home and Garden Television, named Cranbrook House one of 12 American sites to be featured

on HGTV next year in *Restore America: A Salute to Preservation*. Holiday Tables 2002, the 27th annual event, will take place Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 21-24.

In addition to viewing elegant settings in a historic home, visitors may enjoy morning or afternoon tea Nov. 21. A Benefactors' Party is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 14. (See related story.) America the Beautiful is the theme of Holiday Tables 2002, but the individual styles may go beyond geographic boundaries.

### GREEN AND PURPLE

A tantalizing example this year is presented by Beverly

Bernard and Deanna Sarvis of Pied-A-Terre, a European floral design business in Birmingham.

Their display offers a sense of spring, in shades of green and purple. Delicate crystal lamps from Paris, circa 1900, and an iron obelisk for the garden are among other elements.

The table topper is chartreuse washed silk from Paris in a pattern by Alexander Gates, over white damask.

The place settings feature vintage china from France in a black tole rooster pattern, silverware dating to 1847 by Rogers and Co., Waterford crystal, and purple goblets. Silver napkin rings are engraved with *Monsieur or Madam*.

The silverware belonged to Bernard's great-great-grandmother; the crystal, to her mother. The goblets are from Crème & Barrel.

Sarvis and Bernard created the floral accessories. These include the centerpiece—an arrangement of chartreuse parrot tulips, purple hydrangeas and green flax in an antique iron urn from London, England—and the small bouquets of white cottage roses and winterberries in mint julep mugs at each setting.

On a side table, a giant hurricane lamp holds a green-and-silver arrangement consisting of apples of varying sizes and antique

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Beverly Bernard (left) and Deanna Sarvis of Pied-A-Terre present a sense of spring in their table setting, with their choice of colors and flowers.

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