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Diane Kangas and Don Reinholm enjoy a game of chess at a table made of walnut, pine and birch. The "horse" in the room was a prop at an old Hudson's store.

## COUNTRY

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Ceramic pieces by Kaiser Suidan of Ferndale are lined on the wall over a doorway. Nearby is a chest table made out of walnut, pine and birch. The chess set is also made of wood, including birch bark. Other natural-looking furnishings include tables and bookshelves by Bill Perkins of Traverse City and other artists.

## HORSE SENSE

An upstairs guest room is called the "cowboy room." Around the perimeter runs a variation of a Willie Nelson song: "Mamas let your babies grow up to be cowboys." Large planks cover the walls. The chandelier is made of antlers. The bed resembles rough-hewn logs, and features a bedspread with a pattern of cowboy boots and a horse blanket made by Reinholm's sister at the foot. Horse and cowboy motifs abound at the house - from the horse-shaped shrubbery in the front yard, to little touches such as a horse-shaped switchplate and a camel saddle that serves as a footstool. A horse form that was a prop at an old Hudson's store stands in the corner of one room (the couple named it Hudson). In another room is a metal horse



A family cat pauses on one of the brightly colored rugs in the house.

shape that Kangas and her siblings "rode" when they were children; it bears her old riding tack. Old seed sacks, in frames of bark and twig, line a wall. Reinholm is a musician, and his bass and accordions are displayed. He takes an accordion along on the trail when the couple goes riding. "He's the hit of the campfire," Kangas said. Proceeds from the Holly Walk benefit Rochester Hills Public Library programs. "The programs are ... for people of all ages," said Holly Walk chairman David Bates. "This is our biggest single fund-raiser," said committee member Mary Ellen Hahn. "We sponsor programs

## HOLLY WALK

What: The 11th annual Holly Walk, a fund-raising event sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library, featuring five Rochester Hills area homes beautifully decorated for the holidays.

When: Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

Tickets: Tickets are \$20, available in advance only. To buy tickets by mail, send a self-addressed envelope with a check payable to the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library - no later than Saturday, Dec. 7 - to: Holly Walk Tickets, Friends' Library Store, 500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester, MI 48307.

Tickets are also available at Art Concepts, Bordine Nursery Garden Store, Dillman & Upton, Friends' Library Store, RE/MAX Realty, Sharon's Hallmark at Rochester Hills Plaza and University Square, and Something Special Hallmark at Campus Corners.

Take note: Visitors are encouraged to bring their own slippers, as they will be expected to remove their shoes before entering the homes. Bags will be provided for shoes and boots. Refreshments will be available for Holly Walk ticket holders 1-5 p.m. at the Van Hoesen Dairy Barn.

For more information: Call (248) 652-3549.

and also purchase things for the library."

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## Ornament depicts The Community House

Let your holiday spirit shine and your tree sparkle with an exclusive Christmas ornament that depicts The Community House in Birmingham.

Renowned local artist Curtis J. Posniak was commissioned to create the piece in the likeness of The Community House. It is one of several historical building ornaments he has created.

Measuring 3 inches high and 4-1/2 inches wide, the ornament - in a limited edition of 500 - is made of handblown glass. A crew of about 30 artisans manufactured the ornaments at a glass-blowing factory in Krakow, Poland.

Cost is \$215. Proceeds will benefit community outreach programs at The Community House.

To buy, call (248) 644-5832 or visit The Community House at 380 S. Bates, south of Maple and east of Southfield Road.

Posniak, owner of Bloomfield Hills-based Klassics by Kurts, specializes in handblown glass ornaments. He is also a classical pianist and the general director of the Michigan Bach Festival.

## SHOW

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Atwell's design exposure came early, too. Her mother ran a Christmas decorating business and her father was a photographer.

Combine their backgrounds with years of "visual styling" in production, and both felt confident about launching the show. Appearing on-camera,

however, "was a big learning curve," said Atwell. Their next segment, scheduled Dec. 21, entitled Celebrate Christmas, tackles coordinating current decor with holiday decorations.

"Once you're on it is that we don't just decorate the tree, we decorate the whole room," Atwell said.

The whole room? Relax, Atwell and Mamassian aren't Martha Stewart's evil twins.

And they have no intention of making the rest of us feel inadequate about our ordinary resources and tight time schedules. "If it's not something that we can do in an hour period, it's not worth doing," said Atwell. "We like to think of ourselves as Martha Stewart but we are not Martha Stewart. We use things that people can find in the Detroit area. This is real decorating for real people."

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## HOME CALENDAR

**Wildlife projects**  
The National Wildlife Federation and Home Depot are teaming up to present a Holiday Projects for Wildlife clinic Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Pontiac and Auburn Hills Home Depot stores. The free, hands-on workshops will take place 2:30 p.m. at 545 S. Telegraph in Pontiac and 6-7:30 p.m. at 4150 Joselyn Road in Auburn Hills. No pre-registration is required. Experts from NWF and Home Depot gardening specialists will teach participants how to make fun, holiday-themed crafts that provide winter food for wildlife and holiday decoration for the yard. Home Depot offers a variety of habitat-friendly products including birdseed specially formulated by naturalists at NWF.

**Marché Français**  
A French Holiday Flea Market will take place Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 5-8, at 115 E. Seventh, north of Lincoln between Main and Williams in Royal Oak. Bellerose (phone (248) 347-4111), The Heritage Co. II Architectural Antiques (phone (248) 547-0670), Menagerie Antiques (phone (248) 543-0177) are at the address. Handmade ornaments, jewelry, cards, journals, candles, gifts and treasures just in from Paris will be offered. Special guest artists will be featured in

to 8 p.m. Thursday; Christ, Kindler, Joanna Komajda, Tracy Toepf-Farlow and Lisa Williams.

**Decor classes**  
Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, presents a variety of home decor classes. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited and classes fill quickly. Call (248) 541-0010 for information. The schedule includes Simple "Upholstered" Ottoman (\$60), Thursdays, Dec. 5-19; and Fabric-covered Boxes (\$20), Tuesday, Dec. 10.

**Carols and Claus**  
Local high school choirs will perform favorite holiday carols at all Art Van Furniture stores 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Santa Claus will visit the Kids Castle at Art Van Furniture at 6500 14 Mile in Warren 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, to greet children and pass out special treats. Parents may bring their cameras.

**How-to clinics**  
Area Home Depot stores offer free how-to clinics for do-it-yourselfers every week. The clinics last about 30 to 45 minutes and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. Contact your local Home Depot for more information. The December schedule is: Fake Painting, 1 p.m. Tuesdays; How to Install Ceiling Tile, 7 p.m. Thursdays; How to Install Pergo, 11 a.m. Saturdays; How to Install an Interior Door, 10 a.m. Sundays; and How to Install Ceramic Tile, 11 a.m. Sundays.

## PET-OF-THE-WEEK



## Sandy

Sandy, a loving and lovable 10½-month-old shepherd/Labrador mix, is looking for a home. She is great with children and other pets, including cats. Sandy likes to go for walks, loves retrieving toys such as a stick or a ball, and is very trainable. She's happy being rubbed on her belly or playing. Sandy has a great bark as a watch dog, but is a sweetie. She has been spayed and had all shots. For more information, go to the Universal Animal Rescue Web site at [www.uarq.org](http://www.uarq.org), click on available animals, then click on Sandy; or call Universal Animal Rescue at (586) 574-0577.

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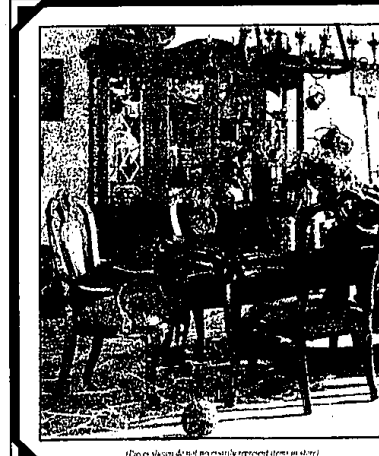
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