



## Accents

### Grand opening

CoCo Interiors, a new home furnishings store in Orchard Lake, will have a grand opening for the public 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20. The store is in the Village Plaza shopping center at 4111



Orchard Lake Road, just south of Pomille Trail.

Owned by interior designer and West Bloomfield resident Dorlan Hayes, CoCo Interiors offers elegant, classic furnishings and hand-painted pieces, as well as high-end home accents and gifts. Including Bohemian porcelain and collectibles by Fabergé. In Michigan, the Bohemian line is exclusive to CoCo Interiors.

Each of the classic pieces in the shop was selected by Hayes during frequent buying trips to New York. A Michigan native who grew up in Livonia, Hayes recently returned to the state after spending 10 years in the greater New York area.

During the grand opening celebration, visitors can intimately browse the shop's wares while enjoying food and refreshments provided by Cucina Leone of Birmingham. Patrons can also enter a drawing to win a limited edition Americana Rose porcelain by Boehm valued at \$300. To commemorate the grand opening, CoCo Interiors will donate 10 percent of the week's profits to Sule Dreams, a Rochester Hills-based charity that benefits terminally ill children. CoCo Interiors is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday. Call (248) 855-6080. (Photo by Beth Singer)

### Architecture

William Massie, associate professor of architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, will speak in the Architecture series this month at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Massie's lecture, Data Space, will take place 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, in the Architecture Auditorium at the university, 21000 W. 10 Mile. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served after the talk. For more information, call Michelle Jusas at (248) 204-2880.

A graduate of Parsons School of Design and Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Massie started his own firm, Massie Architecture, in 1993.

His research in computer applications in architectural construction was recognized by *Architecture Magazine*. Massie has won the Museum of Modern Art's Young Architects Program Competition, and his work has been included in the Shanghai Biennale in Shanghai, China.



Certified Feng Shui practitioner Catherine Hiker, far left, offers suggestions for making bedrooms more romance-friendly at a seminar held Monday at Studio Jewell in Royal Oak.

## The right place for love

### Feng Shui in the bedroom, for better romance

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Looking for love in all the wrong places? Then look no further than your own bedroom.

A few changes in the room's layout and decor might improve your love life, according to Feng Shui, an ancient Chinese design philosophy.

Enhancing romance was exactly what Lynne Affolder of Rochester Hills had in mind when she attended a seminar on Feng Shui for the bedroom, held Monday just a few days before Valentine's Day at Studio Jewell in Royal Oak.

"I learned a lot," said Affolder, who is single but foresees a relationship and more romance in her future. "I didn't really think about it before, the idea of making the bedroom romance-friendly. It seems like common sense."

Affolder's bedroom decorating plans following the seminar: "Get rid of all my family pictures in the bedroom and cover up my television."

Neither family photos nor the television set belong in the bedroom, said Catherine Hiker, the certified Feng Shui practitioner who taught the two-hour seminar.

"TVs are very distracting and very demanding. If you have a TV in the bedroom, you're probably

not to be watching TV. Make it go away or get rid of it. It will be interesting to see what happens," Hiker said, leaving the rest to the imagination.

Family photos, too, belong elsewhere, she said. "It's not good to have things that take you out of your relationship in your bedroom." Replace them with photographs of you and your partner or symbols of love and romance like fresh flowers, heart-shaped objects and red accents.

Clutter, even hidden clutter in closets and drawers, also causes problems for couples in the bedroom. It, like the television set, calls out for attention, beckoning clean-up and distracting occupants from the task at hand, whether it be sleep or something else, said Hiker.

Other bedroom no-nos include exercise equipment, computers and religious symbols, according to Hiker. If spiritually is a bedroom essential - or you're a hopeless romantic - set up a love altar. Hiker uses lit candles, incense, rose quartz and a scarlet scarf to encircle a photo of her and her partner on a bed-side table.

If you're single, can you set up a love altar, asked Cathy Nall, 54, of Sterling Heights, hoping such an addition would help her



Not sure how to decorate a bedside table? Create a love altar. Feng Shui practitioner Catherine Hiker uses lit candles, incense, rose quartz and a scarlet scarf to encircle a photograph of she and her partner, but a love altar can be comprised of anything that's meaningful and soothing to the couple.

find love. "Yes, I would set one up," Hiker said.

The love altar idea also intrigued 33-year-old Susan Handorf of West Bloomfield. But, aside from an armoire, she and her husband don't have a place for it.

Simply set up a love altar inside the armoire, said Hiker. At its core, Feng Shui is common sense, she said. It asks homeowners to use their head when designing and decorating their home. And a room that guarantees privacy, inspires intimacy, feels sensual, serene and safe sounds like a place conducive to love and romance.

"The function of the bedroom is sleeping and lovemaking," Hiker said. So, follow your instincts. "If it feels good to you, that's good Feng Shui."

Catherine Hiker, a practitioner of Eclectic Feng Shui, teaches classes at Studio Jewell and other locations in metropolitan Detroit. She can be reached at (248) 547-4965. For information about design classes at Studio Jewell, 501 South Washington in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 414-5114.

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## Feng Shui ways to love

- Decorate with symbols of love and romance. Flowers, heart-shaped items, candles, couple photographs, accents in tones representing passion, as well as objects in pairs, are all good choices.
- Objects meaningful to a couple are excellent bedroom decor accents.
- In a larger bedroom or one with high ceilings, create a room within the room or add a bed canopy for a sense of intimacy.
- Make sure the bedroom feels private. If it abuts a public area, create a transition space in between.
- Use matching night stands or tables of equal size. The amount of space on either side of the bed should also be somewhat equal.
- Make a sumptuous, not a mundane, bed with linens in sensual fabrics like silk and satin.
- Pay attention to safety in the bedroom. Opt for furniture with rounded corners. Avoid using objects and artwork that look dangerous or appear as if they might fall. An overhead ceiling fan, for instance, can look threatening.
- Situate the bed away from the

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## Exhibit focuses on 19th-, 20th-century pieces

There'll be plenty of antiques for the picking next week in Southfield.

The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition is scheduled Friday-Sunday, Feb. 21-23, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, Evergreen at Civic Center Drive.

In its 23rd year, the exposition offers hundreds of antiques, among them a selection of American, European, Oriental and African pieces, for purchase.

"There is some 18th century, but there is more 19th and 20th century," said Michael Butler, co-owner of M & M Enterprises, the antiques show management and promotion company that holds the exposition.

The broad range of merchandise is what people like about the show, Butler said, estimating that 5,500 people annually attend.

While the exposition's popularity is partly due to timing - it's one of the first major local antiques shows of the year - merchandise prices have broad appeal, Butler said.

"Prices run the full range with pieces geared toward beginner collectors just starting out and more advanced collectors, too. Where we don't go is extremely top-end on prices."

One hundred twenty merchants are expected to display their antique wares this year. About half are based outside Michigan.

New exhibitors include Illinois-based Permette Antiques-Belgium, which specializes in French pottery and copper pieces, and East Lansing's Global Imports Gallery, which is owned by a native of Tanzania and focuses on antique tribal art from east and west Africa.

By Staff writer Nicole Stafford

### ANTIQUES SHOW

What: Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition  
When: 2-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21; noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23.

Where: Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive in Southfield.

Cost: Regular admission is \$6. Paid admission is good for all three show days. Children age 12 and younger are admitted free. Parking is free. Shipping services and dining are available. For more information, call (586) 469-1706 or e-mail mandm1info@aol.com

## MARKET PLACE

### Submissions

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### Warm heart

This hot water bottle is great for warm - or cold - applications to soothe your soul and warm your heart. You can relax with that special someone and melt those carous away. Vanilla scent makes this unusual hot water bottle deliciously romantic. Available for \$24.95 at The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Hwy. in Southfield. Call (248) 356-5454 or visit [www.everythingart.com](http://www.everythingart.com).

### Red-letter decor

Make a statement this Valentine's Day with the red Caple's Chair and coordinating ottoman found at Gorman's Contemporary in Southfield. Large enough to sit two people comfortably, this chair is perfect for cuddling with your special someone. Available in a variety of colors, and made from micro-fiber (today's miracle fabric), the chair and ottoman retail for \$999. A matching sofa is also available for \$999. Gorman's has locations in Southfield, Troy, West and Lakeside. For more information, call (248) 253-9880.

Love and marriage... go together like a horse and carriage

So the song goes. Weddings don't go together at all without a lot of intense planning. Look for our 2003 Wedding Guide on Sunday, February 16 and discover ideas, advice and interesting features to assist with your wedding.