HOME CALENDAR

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Quilting Learn quilting from start to finish with basic square design and progress to more difficult patterns in a six-week class beginning Thursday, March 6, at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, Fee is \$60.

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Program Bonations may be made 610
am. Frisby, March 7, at Art Van, 6500
14 Mice in Warren. Reded of terms
include men's, women's and children's
new under wear, gently used shoes
and socks, and trails size to leitleries.
Cash donations are also wetcome. During the event, Jim Harper and The Magic Morning Show will be broadcast live from the store, and Art Van will serve refreshments and provide a spe cial coupon offer to guests who make

Beginner pillow Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, will present a class, Beginner Pillow, Saturdays, March B-22. Fee is \$60. Advance registration is necessary. For

more information, call (248) 541-0010 Art Tile Fair

of visit www.hapermanlaudics.com. It Tile Fall
Pewable Pottery presents the Antique
and Contemporary Art. Tile Falis, a oneday exhibit and sale of handcrafted
at files 10 am. 55 pm. Sunday, March 9
at the St. George Cultural Center,
4386 Wood-and, 143 mile north of
Square Lake Road Lori Rodgers.
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Frank, Mary Tomas and Marris
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County residents soft the more than 50
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frames Hand made life pressing and
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the installation demonstrations are
scheduled with how in instructions
for setting tile lables, backsolahes for setting tile tables, backsplashes and floors. Admission is S5 per per-son. For information, call (313) 822-0954.

Octagan House Octogon House. 57500 Van Dyke Avenue in Bushington Township, is open for public tours naon to 4 pm. Avenue in Bushington Township, is open for public tours naon to 4 pm. and the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Adult admission is 33. For more information, call the Octagon House at 1999 78th 0004 and leave a message. The omitie Octagon House event calendar can be viewed at warw.calendar. and the company of the open tours and the open House event calendar can be viewed at warw.calendar.

What brand to buy depends on appliance

n weekends you will find me at a home improve-ment show doing my bit for the custodians of America's kitchers and laundey rooms. The quuestion I get asked most frequently at these shows has

to do with what

Appliance Doctor

homeowners purchase in the field of major home appli-

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cated many overtures of expected quality by consumers and they usually received just that. There are still many products made by them which are top-notch value for the money spent. The Amana Corporation recently purchased by Maytag was the class of refrigeration products in American homes. They were made to last a long time and if you hoppened to own the Amana microswave oven, you when the class of the consumers of the many of the neighborhood. I still own a 1972 Radarange which runs like a champ. And I'm not alone. I don't think anyone will ever make one that solid nagin.

I still think that a Whirtpool clothes dryer is one of the best around. It is one of products which is designed much like it was 30 years on your own and replacement parts which are still priced reasonably. The long lint filter on the top has always had a greater and account that the bigger the better, when it eatches as much lint as possible.

Overees as much lint as the search and of these years.

where homeowners have a love, hate relationship with theirs, they are being made with the word "quiet" as an emphasis of brand ownership. I believe the foreign manufacturers are way ahead in creating quiet dishwashers quite simply, because they considered the machine's sound an annoyance way before the U.S. companies. A Maytag or Kitchensid dishwasher still gives yeu a good bang for the buck. You can expect a dishwasher in the near future to do a better job than ever. buck. You can expect a dishwasher in the near future to do
a better job than ever.
Manufactures are expected to
add a water heater cycle on
most models where the water
digrees. The result will be a
better dissolving of the soap
and much cleaner and sanitized
dishes. You will be able to
describe your plates as
"squeaky" clean. There should
be some thinking done by anyone who is in the market for a
major home appliance.
My opinion is just one of
many from the inside world of
appliances and I'm sure there
are those who have different
preferences. Other good
brands are out there. You
should seek more than one

chase. Ask your neighbors and friends what luck they've had service was when ren-

costly service was when rendered.

Compare the warranties and
make sure you understand
what is limited and what is full
warranty. Make a phone call to an
independent servicer and
ask them what brands they
work on the least. There guys
are well-versed on which product cost the most to fix and
which has a longer life-span.
The home shows I attend
each year are a great source of
information on things I need
to know, especially from you.
You can always feel free to
come up to me and tell me
your story about an appliance.
I someday hope that the tide
will turn towards hearing more
good experiences than bad.
Until that time comes, every
consumer shopping in America
must use a great degree of diligence.
Stay tuned.

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-270. He is a mem-ber and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His telephone number is (248) 455-7281.

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111 S.Telegraph Rd. 🖹 Call (248) 335-0111 🔁 Warm up to antique garden pieces at show Admission is \$6 with any ad or listing, or \$7 regular admis-sion. One paid admission is good for all days of the show. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, noon-8 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

It's the best of all worlds-sunny garden areas, antiques decorating engaging outdoor spaces and the promise that spring is on its way.

Believe it or not, soon winter days will disappear, which is hard to believe after Monday's subzero temperatures.

Garden Arsten warm them-selves at Michigan's Home and Garden Antiques Market where flowers in bloom and artifacts will get green thumbs preparing for the warm, romantic lazy days of summer.

The sixth annual Michigan Home and Garden Antiques Market is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, March 14-16, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen (at Civic Center Drive, exit south on Evergreen frum 1-696. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.
Antiques merchants will show and sell antiques and accessories for the home and the garden or items to wear within an antique garden setting. Selections include jewelry, furniture, garden and architectural pieces, birdbaths and benches, ornamental iron and garden gates, quilts, folk art, vintage clothing, purces, permes and noore.
Kathleen and Robert King, exhibitors from Top Hat Antiques in Northville, expect

to bring romantic 'Ralph Laurea-style' fabries and floral designs and floral designs with lots of color and big cabbage roses, iron gates and old garden ornaments that promise to transport even the most wineter-weary visitor into a spring-time virtual icality.

JoAnne Kennedy of Kennedy Fine Art in Northbrook, Ill., looks forward to this show because "it is so well put together and visitors really know what they are looking for. Visitors to this show, whether they are real antiques comoisseurs or just getting their feet wet, will be bringing art, glass and objects d' art with a "great spinsh of color reminiscent of France in the springtime."

More gardeners are decorating with antiques. Many lifestyle magazines and newspaper articles feature stories about antiques used to enhance the ambiance of living spaces, both indoors and out.

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Whether it's a sun porch, patio or backyard replica of an English or Japanese garden, these places encourage relaxation by incorporating plantings and flowers, and more, often today include decorative antique accents.

This decorating trend includes using architectural ornamentation, artistic ironwork, traditional wicker and many types of sculpture.

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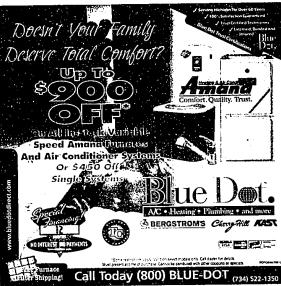


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