## HOME

In the kitchen, which includes white cabinets, green countertops and a floral valence at the window, paintings of whimsical birds and birdhouses adorn one wall and a painted green vine winds along the floor around the parameter of the room.

The art work is by Cynthia Bodene of Passion for Painting of Lathrup Village, whose other decorating features in the house include the amazing faux marble top on a coffee table in the living room and a striping technique on the master bedroom wall.

The dining room walls are a deep grape, with flowery wall-paper on the lower third. Leaded glass cabinets, and an arrangements of plates, are on one wall.

Nancy's collection of silhouettes fils the walls of a downstairs powder room, which also has mint-green tiles and wall-paper with flowers on a navy background.

The colors in an upstairs bathnoom are peach and sky blue. A wallpaper border has a bird motif. The bathrub is unusual, with a rectangular the encased in a square. A vertical cylindrical buils on each side of the medicine eashinet.

A comfortable recreation room is in the basement, with a pool table and fireplace. The Bacinskia added the stone to

Bacinskis added the stone to the front of the fireplace. The screened-in porch fea-tures a light fixture adorned with parrots and flowers. Both the porch and light fixture are from the original house. Here



had grown wild around the site. The family removed two large bushes that were by the front sidewalk and filled the

The Bacinskis' yard is like a park. This is the scene from the screened-in porch.

the decor has a tropical theme, with parrots on the pillows and bamboo furniture.

The porch looks out on part of the yard. When you're sitting back there you feel almost as if you're in a park, 'Nancy Bacinski said. 'It's private, but it's not too private.

The property is almost an

The property is almost an acre in size. When the Bacinskia moved in, bushes

front sidewalk and fulled the holes with a variety of flowers; now large irises, poppies and peonies are part of the attrac-tive arrangement. Along the house, other unruly shrubs that had blocked

Anong the most, other unruly shrubs that had blocked part of the structure were replaced with different greenery. After these were planted, the family saw an old photo that showed almost identical shrubs at the spot.

English Gardens will contribute some plants to help decorate the inside of the house for the tour. Nancy works part time at English Gardens in Royal Oak. Ti's such a good thing for the community, she said of the tour.

## INFORMATION

This year's tour is the eighth event co-sponsored by the Lathrup Village Historical Society and the Village Gardeners. It will also feature the newly expanded Children's Garden and historic Community Congregational Church. Proceeds support beautification projects

## Lathrup Village Home & Garden Tour

■ What: A self-guided tour featuring five homes, four pri-vate gardens, the newly expanded Children's Garden and historic Community Congregational Church. It is co-sponsored by the Lathrup Village Historical Society and the Village Gardencers. Proceeds support beautification projects throughout Lathrup Village.

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When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21

BTICHES: \$12 in advance, \$15 the day of the tour. Seniors offered a discounted entry price of \$8. Ticket vouchers are offered a discounted entry price of \$8. Ticket vouchers are available at the Lathrup Wilage City Offices, 27400 Southfield Road, three Blocks north of 1696, between 11 and 12 Mile.

BFOT tickets or information:
Call Pat Gore at (248) 559-0488 or Richard Reeves at (248) 559-5610.

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throughout Lathrup Village.
A Garden Boutique will be at
the gazebo in the park adjacent
to the Municipa Building on
Southfield Road. The boutique
will offer plants, garden statuary,
unusual garden accessories and
original works from local artists.
The Young Astronauts will operate a Garden Cafe, selling
refreshments as a fund-raiser.
Volunteers from the
Southeastern Oakland County
Resource Recovery Authority
(SOCRRA) will staff display
tables during the day with
information on tree and flower
selection, composting, garden
maintenance and lawn care.
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## Making your own DVDs can be frustrating

When you sit down at the TV to watch the first DVD you've ever created, it's kind of a magical moment. After patiently copying bours of home video to your computer, carefully editing the footage into a cohesive movie, and that shiny blank disc in your spiffy new jour spiffy new in your spiffy new

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Now that so many of us own DVD players, it's only natural to want to create our own home-movie DVDs. What better way to archive all those old tapes or share precious moments with distant friends and family?

Of course, it's nothing new to be able to transfer video to your PC and spruce it up with titles, transitions, and other faux-Hollywood effects.

But as for actually copying the result to a DVD, one you can view on any DVD player, that's a fairly recent option. Recordable DVD drives (or burners') have finally become fast and affordable enough to be the player of the process of the player of the playe be practical. Witness the Pioneer DVR-

AOS
(www.pioneerelectronics.com),
an internal drive that's not only
one of the fastest DVD burners
to date, but also one of the

least expensive at \$299 (less if you shop online). It comes with some great software, most notably a program called MyDVD, which allows you to easily assemble your video clips and produce fancy DVD menus.

I decided to take the Pioneer drive and software for a spin, hoping to archive to DVD about 12 hours' worth of baby and toddler video.

As you already know, the end result wasn't pretty. Of the two movie clips I burned to that fateful first DVD, one played upside-down.

movie clips I burned to that fateful first DVD, one played upside-down. The other looked fine when played on my PC, but jerky on my DVD player.

Admittedly, I may have messed things up by generating the wrong video format from my movie-editing program. A subsequenc effort with a different clip resulted in a flawless DVD.

But the whole exercise demonstrated that while DVD creation has come a long way in a short while, it's not yet as easy as it should be. And with blank DVD still selling for about two bucks apiece, mistakes are not only frustrating, but costly as well.

I won't even bore you with the ridiculous standards war that continues to playe recordable DVD (it's like VHS versus Beta all over again).

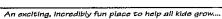
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This photo shows Walter Howard, the original builder and first owner of the house, in his office in a downstairs room that featured built-in wooden file cabinets. The photo is from Howard's grandson.



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