

Now They're Teaching Child's Play For Moms

Creativity and a long winter with a preschooler are two good reasons for a new sort of venture being undertaken soon by a pair of local nursery school teachers.

Ann Stasinios of Farmington and Ellen Wahi of Northville will begin a creative activities workshop for both adults and children on Wednesday, Jan. 26 in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main.

What they plan to offer — for those who take care of groups of small children as well as for mothers who want to keep toddlers busy in a productive way — is a concentration of ideas for creative activity.

Hour-long sessions will run for 10 weeks. At least two of the sessions will be based on the great variety of ways you can use paint — with a brush or a roller or a screen or maybe with the hands.

Also there will be sessions on using paper — for dyeing or junk sculpture or collages — and some on plastic products like play dough and clay.

Others will deal with bodily movement and dramatic arts, including the use of puppets.

Mrs. Stasinios and Mrs. Wahi, co-directors of the Northville Creative Day Nursery School, said the workshop is being organized with the idea of helping adults encourage the natural bent toward creativity found in nearly all young children.

"Creativity isn't taught," Mrs. Wahi said. "It's a matter of structuring the environment to foster it and providing the necessary materials."

"Children tend to use materials creatively if we don't try to set them models too difficult to follow or fuss too much about the mess they make."

Mrs. Stasinios added: "Creativity does not mean only producing masterpieces or even technically-perfect drawings, poems or dance steps. These are possible for only a few."

"Creativity can be any original way of putting together materials or words, or spontaneous use of the body to express individual feelings. This is possible for all."

She said many educators consider children three to five at a "critical stage in the development of imagination and initiative."

"That means that at no other period of like will these personality traits be as naturally and easily developed," Mrs. Stasinios explained.

"Trying new activities, arranging and rearranging materials in different patterns and ways are the methods by which pre-school children explore and learn about their world."

"If they meet success and adult approval for their efforts, they will be confident to surge ahead and attempt new tasks."

Two sessions of the workshops are planned, one from 1 to 2 p.m. and the other from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons.

Reservations must be made by Jan. 19 by calling Mrs. Steve Stasinios, 28055 Hawberry, Farmington. Enrollment will be limited to 15 per session, and the fee is \$25 for an adult alone, \$35 for a mother and one child and \$10 for each additional child. The fees include all materials.



CREATIVE RESULTS of some vegetable dye and sheets of paper toweling delight Jonathan Yanover and Christopher Maloney, above. Their teacher, Mrs. Ann Stasinios of Farmington, soon will be helping mothers learn how to encourage such creative play in the home. (Observer photos by Bob Woodring)



TINY HANDS at right hold puppets for some of the best creative play. Mothers can learn how to make these little actors.



CREATIVITY TAKES CONCENTRATION, as young Jonathan Yanover demonstrates. Finger painting is just one of the uses of paint that will be taught in the coming workshop.

Spotlight on Women

YWCA Courses Begin

Women who want to shake the winter doldrums are offered plenty of opportunity by the Western Wayne YWCA.

Either in the Homemaker Holiday program scheduled in Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia, or in the line-up of classes given in the Western YWCA headquarters at 1034 Monroe, Dearborn, all should be able to choose something of interest.

Registration begins today for the Homemaker Holiday series and will continue until the classes in painting, needlework, dried floral arrangements, yoga and rhythmic exercise get under way Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Women who cannot register in person at the church Jan. 12 may call the Western YWCA headquarters or Mrs. E. Hessenbruch, 14286 Hubbell, Livonia.

Two classes in oil painting are being offered by Mrs. Marie Kudrienko, local artist, because of the great interest in the subject in the Homemaker Holiday program.

She will teach beginning painting in the morning and work with more advanced students in the afternoon. Both classes will include instruction in the background and history of art.

A NEW OFFERING in the

Wednesday schedule at the church is dried floral arrangements, taught by Mrs. Joyce Herrington, a graduate of the DePatis School of Floral Arranging.

The class is an outgrowth of a quicky class given last fall. Materials will be provided at a small extra charge.

Mrs. Lillian Hickey will continue the type of needlework instruction that enabled members of the fall class to turn out many attractive and useful Christmas gifts.

Also on the schedule are rhythmic exercise, taught by Mrs. Gail Wood, and yoga. A pre-school nursery is provided at a small cost

during the homemaker holiday classes.

EXERCISE, CRAFTS, guitar and bridge get the emphasis in the winter classes beginning Jan. 15 in the YWCA building in Dearborn.

Indoor conditioning for skiing already is under way, but those who would like to join the class when it gets to the slopes are urged to call the YW.

Get-in-shaping exercise classes are offered during the daytime and on Tuesday evenings for working women. Swimming classes include an evening one for older girls and women, a mother-tot series, junior and senior lifesaving and an advanced course that offers a gold medal for a 50-mile swim. Yoga being offered this semester places the emphasis on exercise and relaxation rather than meditation and life style.

Three guitar classes will be offered this term. The minimum age is 13.

PANDORA'S CRAFT BOX is a new evening workshop in which whole families may want to participate. The program will include weaving, macramé, decoupage, beading, wood block printing, creative embroidery, collage wall hanging, rug hooking and silk screening.

Ladies' day out activities are scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays and women participating will be able to leave their children in a nursery while they are in class.

Livonia Town Hall Drummond Visits

"Is Our Democracy in Peril?" is the topic for the first area town hall program of the new year.

Roscoe Drummond, Washington columnist, will address the Livonia Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, in the Terrace Theater, Plymouth between Merriman and Middle Belt.

A celebrity luncheon in the

Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth will follow the theater talk, and luncheon tickets may be ordered up to Friday, Jan. 14, by calling the telephone number on the back of the season tickets.

Drummond writes for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, and his reporting has taken him to Africa and the Far East including Vietnam and Japan.



ROS COE DRUMMOND

A few tickets for the remainder of the Livonia Town Hall season, also including a lecture by Nila Madgidoff in March, are available and will be sold at the door for \$6.

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