

'Framing it' becomes easy

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Last fall your kindergarten brought home the most charming picture of Mommy and Daddy. It merited hanging in the family room. Instead, it is lying wrinkled and edgeworn in the kitchen drawer because framing it would be "too expensive."

The same probably is true for Christmas cards, diplomas and perhaps your own works of art. If you have been dismayed over the high cost of framing, you will be pleased to know that a "Frame It Yourself" shop has opened at 83 E. Long Lake near Livernois in Troy.

Here customers occupy their own work booth and create custom professional-looking frames at a savings of up to 50 percent.

Carol Shepard, owner of the shop in the arcade of the Sunset

Plaza Shopping Center claims that hers is the only one of its kind in Michigan.

A determined, goal-oriented young woman, Ms. Shepard said she fought traditional barriers of discrimination against women seeking small business loans.

Her idea is innovative, and she said, "I felt there was a need for this type of service." Frame It Yourself stocks up to 60 different types of moldings and metal frames, with up to 200 samples playable on a two-day order.

The styles of frames range from the baroque to the latest in stark modern. In addition, 40 selections of matting are in stock with special orders also available.

Glass and mats will be professionally cut while you work on your frame. If you prove to be proficient with the mat cutting machine, Ms. Shepard will allow you to cut your own.

She estimates that the average time required by a novice will range from one to one-and-a-half hours. Although custom framing will also be available, she hopes to encourage those who have hopes of making their own not to give up.

"It's not a difficult thing," Ms. Shepard claimed. The shop has eight booths. The appeal is not only in cost savings, but also in sheer fun, personal fulfillment and achievement, Ms. Shepard explained.

"The store is for the customer to be able to preserve his or her art work the way it should be done at a reasonable cost, and at the same time enjoy the fun of doing it," she said.



Customers 'frame it' in their own booths (Photographed by Kathy Willens)

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The band will be playing five nights per week, daily except Mondays and Tuesdays, through Aug. 11. The series is scheduled for the Remick Shell or the Fairgrounds (June 18, 25, 30, July 26 and 27 and August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11).

Conductor of the band is Dr. Leonard B. Smith who founded it in 1946. He is a composer-educator who has had more than 200 instru-

mental-band and orchestra compositions published during his years as a composer.

He will appear as a solo coronet player on the June 26, July 5, 7 and 11 and Aug. 4 and 10 concerts.

In 1969 the Detroit Concert Band was chosen over all other bands in the world by the BBC as "the supreme interpreters of Sousa."

The band was also featured in a television documentary of "America's March King." The first concert Sunday will feature music for the band and vocalists.

Donation buys 1 appraisal

A donation to the University Liggett School will afford antique buffs the opportunity to have one antique of their own to be appraised by antiquarians Stalker and Boos, Inc. of Birmingham.

The service will be part of the school's annual antiques show which will run through Saturday and hours for Thursday and Friday will be from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday's hours will be noon to 6 p.m.

The school is located at 850 Briarcliff Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods. Russell Carroll is director of the show. Carroll resides in a

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