

Whichcrafters show how to create 'Elegant Eggs'

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The making of "Elegant Eggs" is the craft scheduled next for participants in the Whichcrafters' upcoming workshop in the Farmington Community Center.

The jeweled egg with a miniature scene inside a real goose egg is fashioned after Faberge, the Russian court jeweler who ornamented a collection of eggs for Catherine the Great. And the eggs are exquisite enough to be displayed the year around on their own special miniature stand.

About a dozen different craft materials are necessary to put the egg together. Those materials are all furnished by the Whichcrafters for their one-session workshop.

The Whichcrafters are Jenn McFeggan and Edith Blum, who have been together for three years giving classes in a wide variety of crafts in an evolution that stemmed from their membership in the Farmington Garden Club.

"BOTH OF US enjoyed crafts. We had gotten to the point where our walls were saturated with them, but we didn't want to give it up," Mrs. McFeggan said.

"We found ourselves running a lot of workshops for the garden club and some of its fund-raising affairs and the classes grew out of that."

The classes, either in the Farmington Community Center or in Mrs. McFeggan's basement at 3519 Johnson Road in Farmington, are all designed so that the participants take home at least one finished piece each session. And they are all designed for the person who says "I am not any good with my hands" or "I don't have any artistic talent."

LOOKING ABOUT the basement workshop would deny that. Many of the crafts — planned for weeks and even months in advance of the announced sessions — seem extremely intricate for the artistically inept to tackle.

But the Whichcrafters counter this with pre-shopping in bulk amounts for the craft materials.

"That takes a lot of running around. Many wouldn't know where to start shopping for some of these things and we do all that for them," Mrs. McFeggan said.

"Having in front of you what you need in the amount you need it is easy for them as well as less expensive."

BOTH WOMEN have families and neither is interested in making the classes into a full time job, but sometimes it develops that way. Shopping and ordering take a lot of time, and this week they have 40 women signed up for four classes.

Members of the classes seem to enjoy the one-session format who have signed up from a list of available crafts programmed for the coming months.

One class member said, "We're just like a bunch of Brownies who have to have their finished project."

Another commented, "My kids are waiting up to see what I'm going to bring home tonight."

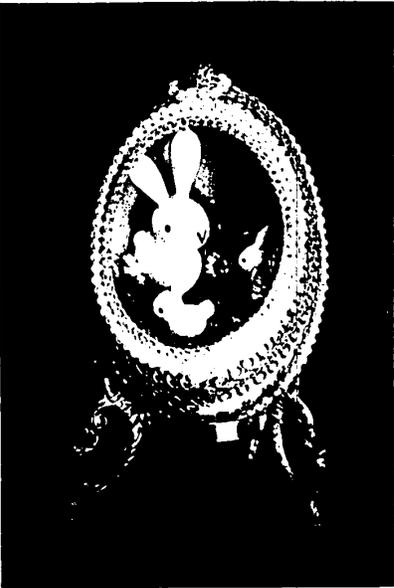
Paper, foil, dried flowers, corn husk wreaths, shadow boxes for dough sculpture, arrangements of permanent flowers—all were in abundance in the workroom, in addition to many out-of-the-way, seldom-seen crafts.

ONE OF THE unusual crafts there was an applique of lace put on box-style purses, or jewel boxes, then finished with an antique look.

This craft can be pursued in a session in the Farmington Community Center called "Lace It Up" on Wednesday, March 26. As with most of their workshops, the Whichcrafters hold one in a morning program, and another in the evening.

The workshop on Elegant Eggs is set for Thursday, Feb. 27, at 9:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Registrations for both are being accepted now in the center.



Edith Blum and Jean McFeggan comprise the Whichcrafters

Rabbi Sally will visit on Donor Day

Adat Shalom Sisterhood will hold its annual fund raising Donor Day Luncheon Monday, March 10, in the synagogue social hall.

Highlighting the afternoon program will be Rabbi Sally J. Priesand, assistant rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City; and first practicing woman rabbi in the country.

Rabbi Sally was ordained in June 1972 from Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. With the encouragement and support of her parents, she was ready to spend eight years of her life studying for a profession that no woman had yet entered.

Her decision was an affirmation of her belief in God, the worth of the individual, and Judaism as a way of life.

In 1922 the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) passed a resolution affirming the complete equality of women. It was not until her ordination on June 2, 1972, how-

ever, that the resolution was formally implemented.

ALTHOUGH THE Central Conference declared that "Women cannot justly be denied the privilege of ordination" it took 50 years to change the attitude of people.

Her duties at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue have not been limited to one area of the synagogue. She conducts worship services, preaching every Shabbat, teaches in the Adult Institute and the Religious School, supervises the youth program, counsels, officiates at life-cycle events and attends all committee meetings.

She still manages to travel and lecture; an activity which has shown her that congregations and rabbis are ready for change.

Sisterhood president, Mrs. Harvey Nussbaum, has appointed Mrs. Daniel Knopper as chairperson of the day.

AN ENLARGED gift shop will be open that afternoon with a complete selection of boutique items, religious

articles, plants, ceramic pots, paintings and needlepoint.

Most of the items will be brought in especially for Donor Day shoppers.

The invocation will be given by Mrs. Harry Nachman and the benediction by Mrs. Sol Hammerstein. Mrs. Morris Botwin will lead in the National Anthem.

The community is invited and baby-sitting will be available.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the synagogue office at 851-5100.

PROCEEDS FROM the luncheon will enable the sisterhood to continue its program of service to the synagogue, aid to the youth department, youth scholarships, Braille classes, study institutes and other philanthropic services.

The theme of Donor Day is "Women: Dedicated to Life."

Others who are working on the Donor Day activities are Mrs. George Lias, Mrs. Carl Lichtenstein and Mrs. Jack Diamond.

The gift shop and bake shop will open at 10:30 a.m.



Mrs. Donald Soltz, Mrs. Daniel Knopper and Mrs. Robert Dunskey prepare for Donor Day at Adat Shalom.