

Room settings display groups' ethnic heritage

Eleven ethnic groups will explain part of their heritage through a display of room settings and entertainment planned at Somerset Mall Sept. 15-17.

The program, entitled "Your Other Heritage," will feature authentically decorated rooms with literature explaining items used in the exhibits. Displays will range from a Polish exhibit of a mountaineer's cottage at Easter time to an Arabic hospitality room.

Entertainment is planned for Thursday and Friday, Sept. 15 and 16, evenings and Saturday, Sept. 17, throughout the day. On Thursday, Nrtya-Bharati, and East Indian dance group from Bharatiya Temple, will perform at 7 and 8 p.m. under the direction of Deena Argade. The Detroit Folk Dance Club under the direction of Ben Chang will perform dances from around the world at the same times.

Friday's entertainment will include a performance of the Arabic Dance Group under the direction of Helen Salamy; Calouste Gulbenkian, an Armenian dance ensemble, under the direction of Dorothy Nowacki, and the ARPI Swedish Male Chorus under the direction of Herman Warne. Performances are at 7 and 8 p.m.

Four groups will perform Saturday, at 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m. Entertainment will include songs and dances by the Italian Children's Folk Group under the direction of Luella Baron, J & B Continental melodies by Julie and Bob

Panizzi, Polish dancing by Galicia Polish Dance Ensemble under the direction of Michael Krolewski and Philippine dances by the Philippine Dance Group under the direction of A.B. Tuanquin.

THE PURPOSE of the program, said Peg DuBois, director of the mall is "to offer those participating the opportunity of sharing their culture with all of us . . . to promote a better understanding and appreciation of the traditions of other people.

Interiors will be prepared by persons whose families are from East India, the Middle East, France, Italy, Japan, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Africa and Armenia. The displays include the furnished interior of an Italian home from the

Friuli region, in which the Fogolar or hearth is the focal point for family gatherings.

The Arabic hospitality room, called Madefeh, will show the handwoven Oriental rugs, bagckamgam table and other engraved wall plates and other items.

The Polish mountaineer's cottage will feature furnishings from the Zakopane region in the Tatra Mountains. Pajak (tissue paper mobiles) and pi-sanki (decorated) eggs will be displayed.

The African setting will depict the arts and crafts still evident in the nation. Furnishings will be drawn from several countries in Africa to show the rich heritage of Afro-Americans. Interestingly, every African home has a treadle sewing machine.

Square dancers set dates

The square dance schedule for the Fancy Farmers of Farmington has been decided for the fall.

Members can get their square dance partner on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Training Center. Warner and Thomas streets.

The fall season will begin Sept. 9 with the Rust Remover Dance, with Bruce Light as the caller and Karen Dziegaleski calling rounds.

The club also has a new set of officers. They are: vice presidents Jimmy and Margie Carter of Farmington, secretaries Lloyd and Sue

Brown now controls fire

Alan L. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon A. Brown of 21461 Oxford, Farmington Hills, has graduated from the U.S. Navy Fire Control Technician School.

During the 23-week course at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., he received instruction on the electronic weapons systems installed on current U.S. warships and studied the operating principles and procedures of radar, digital computers and related shipboard equipment used to control the firing of guns, missiles and torpedoes.

Brown, a Fire Control Technician Third Class, joined the Navy in July 1976.

County may upgrade road safety markings

New "school" legends, crosswalk lines and vehicle stop-point lines may be applied to pavements, using a "thermo-plastic" paste-on material with high reflectivity and longer life than paint, if the Oakland County Road Commission receives the Federal Aid Urban System grant it is seeking.

The grant would pay for at least 90 percent of the \$58,600 project, with the road commission.

Five schools in Farmington are among the 123 schools which would be affected under the grant. The safety markings would be applied to Middlebelt near Eagle Elementary and East Junior High, Ten Mile by Ten Mile Elementary, Farmington Road by North Farmington High School, and Twelve Mile by O.E. Dunkel Junior High.

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