

# China is topic of NOW meet

Karen DeCraw, guest host of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's recent meeting on the topic of the Far East, said that China is a "hot" topic for the program. The program will now be presented by the Theater Company of New York and begins at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the University Center, 400 University Ave. in Grand Central Park.

Discussing the role of women in China's society, Ms. DeCraw was in China at the time of the death of Mao Tse Tung. Tickets available at the desk or call 212-512-1100 for more information.

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# Dressing Your HOME



## Accessories — a home's jewelry

"Accessories are the costume jewelry of your home." More than anything else, accessories offer a great opportunity for personal expression of you.

We can't all keep a storeroom of accessories to change the ambience as our own moods may demand, but we can have enough to change the visual face for an evening, or just for variety.

Accessory items include wallhangings, furniture top objects, lamps, collectibles, sculpture, flowers and plants. Your home should not be without these items for they bring vitality and change.

Proper use of accessories create a harmonious total effect. Unity is the key, and can be achieved in a number of ways.

You can have unity of color by grouping different items that are similar in color. For example, in a contemporary setting, a lamp, ashtrays and vases might all be in Chinese red.

Unity of period can be beautiful, but more often than not is dull.

But there is also unity of material achieved by using only one type of material such as a collection of brass, wood or milk glass. Once again, the use of many different shapes of the same material create an interesting display.

Accessories for the walls are unlimited. The obvious of course are pictures which can be hung singly or in groups.

But so much more can be used—framed posters or coin collections to name a few. There are really no rules for placement except the visual ones.

If you assemble the grouping on the floor before hanging, you'll be able to see the balance of space required. Pictures are usually hung to be viewed from a sitting position so should be about four inches above a sofa. Groupings start low and work up and out.

Table top accessories cover so much that they could be broken into a room-by-room category. Just keep in mind that all accessories are important to unity, color, and space.

It's the small details that separate the amateur from the professional. The extra ingredient that creates the final effect is you, the individual. When in doubt, color is the best guiding factor and often leads to collecting.

The most wonderful accessories are flowers and plants. It is hard to imagine a lively room without them. They lend immediate vitality to a setting.

Just remember that a room without accessories or with just any old thing strewn around is cold, dull and certainly most unimpressive.



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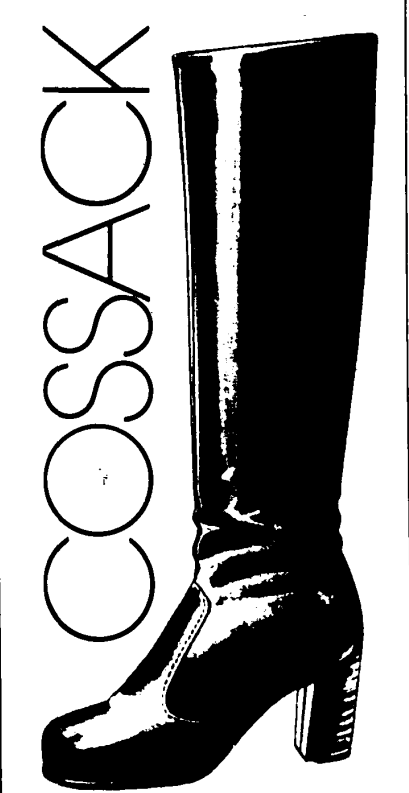
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