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# Holiday fair is marked with Scandinavian flavor



One of the holiday decorating ideas offered at the fall fair is the wreath made entirely of wood chips. (Photo by Santa Fabio)

By LORAIN McCLISH

All things Scandinavian will go on sale Wednesday, Oct. 10, when members of the Scandinavian Symphony Women's Organization man looths of imports and handcrafted items for their major fund-raiser of the year.

The sale runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 Eight Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills to support the symphony now in its 50th year.

The fund-raising and supporting arm of the symphony draws its members from throughout the metropolitan area, but home base for the past seven years has been Southfield and its two high schools where four concerts and all rehearsals are played.

A budget, which has clipped pretty steadily along at \$1.8-10,000 per year, now jumps to \$30,000 for the coming season, as the orchestra continues to lure the most professional musicians in the area into its ranks.

"We compete with many good orchestras in the tri-county area, and all of the good musicians go around and shop," is the way Delores Shank, of Birmingham, expressed it.

Even so, Bolette MacMullan, a Birmingham resident and a charter member of the auxiliary, thinks of the Scandinavian Symphony "as a jumping off place for many young musicians who have gone on to become professionals."

IN ADDITION to providing an opportunity for young artists to play under the direction of Valter Poole, the women's organization make two consistent efforts for both themselves and the public to become better acquainted with the members of the orchestra.

They provide an after-glow following each concert for concert-goers to talk with the musicians, and they are the only group they know of in this area to hold an "Artist Luncheon."

The lunch is always given on the day of rehearsal, the day before the concert, and the featured guest artist is the guest of honor for the afternoon.

"The artist may choose to speak, or not speak formally to us, (at the luncheon) or may perform or not," Mrs. MacMullan said.

"That doesn't matter. What matters is that we all get to know one another better just by lunching together."



Members of the Scandinavian Symphony Women's Organization gather wood, straw, flax and woolen items, all authentic imports or handcrafted deep in Scandinavian tradition for its Scandinavian Fair. From left, Millie Brogren, of Farmington

Hills, heads up the attic treasure booth; Shirley Dabish of Franklin; Joan Granning of Farmington, a co-chairwoman for the import booth; and Viola Pudas, of Farmington Hills, who is treasurer of the association. (Photo by Santa Fabio)

Tickets for the luncheon are always available to the general public.

The symphony was begun in 1929 by Swedes, Norse and Danes, mostly tradespeople, who started playing together in one another's Detroit homes.

When the musicians realized they were too good to be playing in their homes, they simultaneously realized

they needed the support system of an auxiliary.

"ONLY AUTHENTIC imports and only handcrafted items that are based in Scandinavian tradition are sold at our fall fair," said Rigmore Cuolahan, a Livonia resident who is heading up

the imported items that will go on sale. Wreaths that are made of wood chips, goats made of straw, hand-carved wooden table decorations for the holidays, Advent calendars, and a multitude of wooden items are but some of the items to go on sale. Admission to the fair is without charge.

# 'Who is living here?' interior designer asks

A few years ago interior designer Kay Isola said she could spot, on sight, a room that was professionally designed, but it is getting harder all the time.

"Functional is in, but definitely," said the woman who returns to Farmington Community Center this fall for a new series of classes.

"More people are designing their own rooms and whole houses to reflect their own personalities and their own lifestyles and doing it very well," she said.

But most need a little prodding.

"Why do you have a night stand next to your bed when what you really need is a trunk to hold your radio and your pills and your sandwich and your book, as well as a lamp," she asks.

"You read in your bedroom? Why don't you have a bookcase in there?"

"If you like to have a drink in your bedroom, why don't you have a bar in there?"

"Do you mean to tell me you can't have a sandwich in your own living room?"

"If you fall asleep on your couch with your shoes on, why do you have it

covered with pastel chintz?"

"Who lives here?"

MS. ISOLA stresses that her seven session seminar is not a basic introduction to interior design that will show the participants how to make a pretty room.

"It is a highly individualized class that makes you think about designing your own living space," she said.

The trend to what the designer calls "highly functional" comes in part because so many families make so many moves in their lives now, and in part

because of the cost of furniture.

To counter these factors, she advocates furniture swapping, and sharp shopping for investment buys.

"Costs today prohibit buying a chair for one specific corner of one specific room, then discarding it after moving it to the new house.

"So I give a little exercise in furniture swapping, showing how that chair that was once bought for a den could be used in a hallway, a bedroom, whatever," she said.

"I guide my students into rethinking their entire home design," she added.

"We're striving for some mind joggling."

MINDS WILL be joggled on color and pattern mixing, alternative lighting, successful mixing of furniture styles, new ways to accessorize to reflect the persons who live in a particular room, and high and low priority buying.

There will be field trips to furniture stores, stores that specialize in lighting fixtures and wallpaper and paint stores.

Ms. Isola has operated her own interior-design consulting firm in Bloomfield Hills for the past 10 years and is a member of the prestigious National Home Fashion League.

She is a graduate of Michigan State University and has had 20 years experience as a designer of interiors.

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Kay Isola prods participants in her interior design seminars to re-think their home design for more comfortable and functional living. Sessions begin Oct. 25 in Farmington Community Center. (Staff photo by Randy Bort)

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## Catholic Social Services sets open house Oct. 21

Catholic Social Services of Oakland County invites all area residents to an open house to acquaint them with the many and varied services available in the regional offices at 29625 Inkster Road.

The open house will run from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21.

The independent family and individual counseling agency offers its services according to one's ability to pay, regardless of race or creed.

"There is a growing, recognized need for varied counseling services in the area, and the planned open house will mark Catholic Social Services' attempt to meet the demand," said Fabian K. Weber, assistant director of the regional office.