

# Retiree starts a new business Baroque to give last concert of series

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The business which is keeping T.L. Quell (Ted) Quell of Lathrup Village busy and enthusiastic belongs in the "retiree-thought-of-that" department.

After Quell, a retiree, took a course in calligraphy in Oak Park, he decided to do something special for his niece's wedding last January. He made up a guest register on a large sheet of parchment, in fine calligraphy wrote at the top, the occasion, names of the bride and groom and the date and then hand painted floral decorations in the four corners.

When the wedding was over and all the guests had signed, he took it to have it framed.

"Everybody who saw it was crazy about it," he said.

The woman at the frame shop immediately ordered one for an upcoming family wedding and the idea for a business was launched.

The wedding guest register is now a joint effort between Quell's T. L. Industries and Gail Dijkers-Jacob, master calligrapher and his calligraphy teacher.

In this area, the wedding gift register is available through Jacobson's Home Furnishings Store, Birmingham.

Each guest register is hand lettered and painted on a sheet to accommodate either up to 100 or 250 guests, can include a favorite quote of the bride and groom and colors can be matched to the wedding color scheme.

Quell's has expanded his idea to include registers for graduation, gold and silver anniversary celebrations, bar

mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs. He also has outlets in Texas and Florida. Prices start at \$40.

Quell who describes himself as "an idea man from the word go" said that before he retired he used to do layouts for travel folders for the Northern Pacific Railroad. Somehow, this experience coupled with his newly acquired calligraphy skills and a long time enjoyment of art meshed perfectly. And not only is the new business fun, it's flourishing.

Flauto e Basso Baroque Duo will give a concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

"The King's Pleasure: Music from the Royal Courts of Europe" will be an evening of music that first resounded through the grand palaces of the 17th and 18th century monarchs. The duo will be joined by Doris Williams, soprano, for a selection of Italian Madrigals, and by Norbert Frouczak, harpsichord, in a trio for flute and two harpsichords

composed by J.J. Quantz for Frederick the Great.

The compositions, written for royal patrons by Scarlatti, Frescobaldi and others, will be performed on original instruments by Thomas Cirlin, recorder and baroque flute, and Daniel Jencks, harpsichord, in the final concert in

the series "Music from the Age of Enlightenment."

Cirlin is an early music editor and Jencks builds and maintains harpsichords. Their instruments are copies of instruments from the 17th and 18th centuries.

Admission at the door is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

## Paintings to be sold

Among the paintings featured in the Stalker & Boss auction this Saturday and Sunday will be "The Child," \$3 by 86 inches, by Adolph Schreyer, "Merry Making on the South Downs" by Alfred Fitzwalter Grace and Works by Childe Hassam, J.B.C. Corot, Edmund T. Osthaus and Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema.

There will also be a major collection of New Guinea oceanic art featured along with a collection of Victorian

furnishings including a center table by John Henry Belter and a parlor suite by John and Joseph Meeks.

There will be a group of 18th and 19th century miniature paintings and a collection of antique jewelry from the Etruscan through the Victorian period.


These things will be on exhibit 3-8 p.m. Today and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. The auction starts at 11 a.m. Saturday and noon on Sunday.

## U-U questions Mother's Day tradition

Mother's Day is the subject of the sermon set for 10 a.m. services Sunday in Universalist-Unitarian (U-U) Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted Road.

"We will explore the basis for this celebration," the Rev. Joan Kahu Schneider said, "and will question whether Mother's Day really does pay tribute to women, or whether it might in fact be dangerous."

Guests are welcome to attend the service and join for coffee following the service.



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