

Dolls are the stars in Bloomfield Antique Show



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Dolls will occupy a spot in the limelight at the 19th annual Bloomfield Antique Show, next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills.

This is not to the exclusion of a wide selection of other antiques by 24 mid-western dealers.

The dolls, belonging to collector, writer and lecturer, Susan Manos of Warren, will be shown with a theme, "Ladies of Fashion, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Manos is participating in the antique show as lecturer and appraiser rather than dealer and her choice dolls are there purely for exhibition.

But, the beauties she'll have in the show may inspire visitors to start their own collections. And if they don't, Manos' enthusiasm for the hobby, which turned into a business and a consuming passion, might.

She has wonderful doll stories to tell. She knows history and a lot about dress in both children and adults in former times.

"Dolls were used to smuggle contraband across enemy lines, especially during the Civil War," she said adding that who would think to stop a toy carrying a doll?

And she has a ready response for those who think that Barbie and friends may be too realistic — what with all the accessories, underwear and extras.

The child and baby dolls are late-comers to the field.

"Children played with lady dolls. The French fashion dolls came with corsets, petticoats and all their intimate

apparel, so why are people so upset about Barbie?" Manos said.

She said dressmakers would use the dolls as models for costumes they had to offer. And if a mother bought the costumed doll and ordered the dress made for herself, she would often have

the seamstress made a wardrobe for the doll for a daughter. They were called milliner's models, but the milliner was frequently the local dressmaker as well.

Manos smiled as she talked about her dolls and the doll museum in her home,

"I never outgrew loving dolls and I never had them as a child."

She will give programs on dolls at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. on Thursday.

There will be an ethnic kitchen serving Mexican, Italian and German dishes and boutiques offering mum plants, apples and homemade candy.

Show hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday. The church is at Lone Pine and Telegraph. Admission charge.

For information call the Department of Human Resources at 354-4864.

Parenting workshop attempts to clear focus

"Have the Courage to be Imperfect" is one idea to be offered by the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) Program scheduled for an introductory session at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7.

The STEP program will take place at the McDonnell Towers Clubhouse in Southfield.

Developed by Don Dinkmeyer for parents of tots to preteens, the workshop will be led by Connie Fidler, MA, and Judi Marocsky, MA, area counselors.

Beginning Oct. 28 they will meet for eight consecutive sessions on Thurs-

days at the Human Resources in Southfield.

Dinkmeyer is an educator and author of books dealing with children, marriage and parenthood.

Due to many changes in family structure over the past several decades, parents are often confused by conflicting advice regarding parenting.

The STEP program offers a practical alternative to meet the challenges of raising children today.

Topics to be discussed include: Communication, how to listen to your child, expressing your feelings and ide-

as to your children; neutral respect for each other, and how to run an effective family meeting.

Cost of the workshop is \$35 per family. The Oct. 7 presentation is open to

parents and school age children at a cost of \$2 per adult, children free.

For information call the Department of Human Resources at 354-4864.

Club calls mothers of twins

Farmington Area Mothers of Twins Club meets the third Thursday evening of each month. Members take turns hosting the group in their homes.

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who have had a multiple birth. Information about the workings of the club and the site for the next meeting is available from DeeDee Adams, 477-9025.

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Bru doll from France has paperweight eyes, kidd body, bique lower arms, wooden upper arms on a swivel and wooden feet. This combination of materials makes her one of the most sought after. In 1885, this model doll won the gold medal at the exposition in Brussels. Her lime green crushed velvet costume is a close copy of the original.

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