

Holiday happenings

"Nutcracker Ballet" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Part of the Young People's Concert series. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at Ford Auditorium.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Plymouth Parks and Rec Craft Shows — Thanksgiving weekend and following weekend, 75 craftsmen at each show in Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23 and 24, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25. Also same hours, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2.

Toy Sale — First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth holds its 8th annual Christmas Toy Sale, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 1. Main and Church streets, Plymouth.

Christmas Bazaar — Gill Elementary School, 21195 Gill Road, Farmington, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

Christmas Bazaar — Grace Elementary School, 29040 Shiawassee, Farmington, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Christmas Craft Show — Paint Creek Center, 407 Pine St., Rochester, is decorated for the season Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-2. The Rochester Arts Commission is sponsoring a juried craft show.

Crafts sale — Farmington Area Jaycee

Women exhibit works by 50 craft artisans, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Farmington High school, Shiawassee Road, Farmington.

FOR ATMOSPHERE

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn will welcome visitors to experience a Changing American Christmas, Dec. 1-31. In the museum a Victorian St. Nick will be there as will a portrayal of cartoonist Thomas Nast who gave us our current image of Santa Claus and author Louisa May Alcott who lovingly described 19th-century Christmases in her books. Choirs, holiday foods and decorated trees will also be featured. In the village, more than a dozen historical buildings will be used to show holiday preparations of other times from the 18th century to the early 20th century. A rich sampling of yuletide cooking will be prepared in the original manner. The village is also offering its annual Yuletide Evenings with sleigh rides, dinner and a walking tour of selected buildings at night. For reservations and information, call 271-1620.

Meadow Brook Hall will celebrate "Joyeux Noel — Christmas with a French Flair" Nov. 18 to Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day with extended hours Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 until 9 p.m. For information, call 377-3140.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra — Christmas Pops Concerts. Richard Hayman conducts. 8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14, and 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16, at Ford Auditorium.

Detroit Chamber Winds — Christmas music for brass at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. Admission.

Concert in the Garden — Pastiche Wind Quintet in a program of Bach and others, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, Tel-Twelve Mall.

Redford Civic Symphony — Annual Christmas concert with the General Motors Chorus, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, Redford Union High School.

Southfield Symphony — "La Forza del Destino" by Verdi and other works, Sunday, Dec. 16, Temple Beth El, Birmingham.

Galliard Brass Ensemble — Cranbrook Music Guild's annual Christmas concert in Cranbrook House Library, Bloomfield Hills, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18. Admission.

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