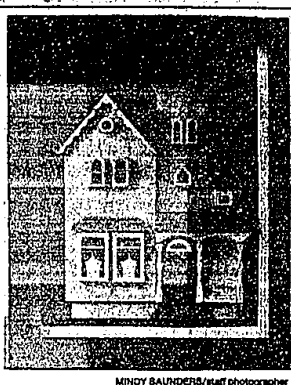




Edward Arnold of Birmingham is building a second career in the creation of wooden wall pieces and the introduction of a new magazine for people interested in arts and crafts, American Craft Journal.



MINDY BAUNDERS/staff photographer

Church show to benefit hospice

Among the 50 artists participating in Christmas with Country Creations at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham Friday and Saturday is Edward Arnold.

Arnold, a Birmingham resident and member of the General Motors design staff, said what he does is "not carving, not inlay work, but something different. As far as I know, I'm the only one doing this kind of thing. I like graphic things," he said.

"His works, made of wood, cut with a hand saw and painted, are done from his original designs —

houses, geese, chickens and other homey images.

Arnold doesn't claim to use the finest wood or the most elegant tools. He realizes his work is unsophisticated, but that is certainly a large part of the charm.

While he thoroughly enjoys the change of pace from his daily job, he was not content to continue in that direction without change.

Arnold saw a need for more communication among artists of this type, spoke with friends who had a writing and publishing background and soon "American Craft Journal" was launched.

The first issue of American Crafts Journal, subtitled Your Marketplace for Buying and Selling Arts and Crafts, should be on the newstands in the metropolitan area anytime now.

Christmas with Country Creations is a benefit for Cranbrook Hospice Care. Friday hours are noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Light lunches and dinners will be served. There will be a silent auction and a bake sale.

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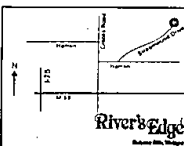
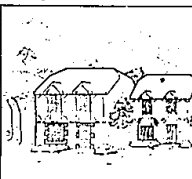
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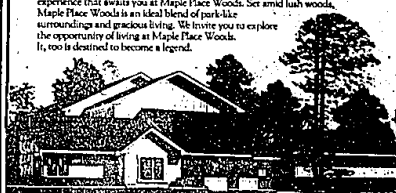
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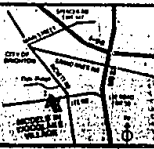
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