

# Spotlight on Women

## Creativity At Christmas

By BETTY FRANKEL

**Special Writer**  
Christmas is a time of celebration and good cheer, a time for family and friends. It's a time, too, that gives the creative homemaker a chance to have a fling and express feelings of love, hospitality, romance, nostalgia. Recently members of Hill and Dale Garden Club in Farmington had a tour through seven homes decorated for Christmas. Some were opulent, some simple. Some were contemporary, some traditional. All, though, had suggestions to those who viewed them.

**DOOR** decorations included a variety of wreaths. One of the most attractive was a large straw wreath with green velvet and decorated with small gold ornaments. Another was made of glossy boxwood leaves trimmed with red velvet streamers, small red apples and red feathered birds. Popular were wreaths made of pine cones and nuts

wired to a metal ring. These are time-consuming to make, but last for many years and can be a project for the entire family.

Holes must be drilled in the nuts and acorns so they can be fastened securely. For variety use several kinds of cones, leaving some whole and slicing others across. Another attractive door decoration was a simple spray of pine branches decorated with a red bow and small tinkling bells made from the round ends of tin cans.

**ENTRANCE HALL** decorations included votive candles set before a stylized white ceramic madonna framed with a fresh pine branch and a spray of shiny gold balls (all fastened securely to wooden picks stuck into a block of styrofoam); a metal lantern filled with greens; and a bare branch hung with many little plastic pill containers trimmed with gold braids and sequins and containing miniature Christmas figures and scenes. Stairways were the focal point of the decorating in several homes, and banisters were garlanded with greens. In one home the stairs were further embellished with a carefully arranged gold velvet ribbon whose crisp loops were held in position by a thin wire taped to the back of the ribbon.

In another home clusters of red and green grapes festooned the garland of pine. In yet another the garland, made of boxwood, was tied

with narrow velvet bows and the newel posts at the bottom of the stairs were topped with a pair of nosegay bouquets of dried white German statice flowers and tiny star flowers.

**DINING ROOM** decorations included a centerpiece made from a large pinecone wreath filled with fresh fruit and outlined with southern magnolia leaves.

Another table held a collection of candles in brass candlesticks of various sizes, and in still another home the centerpiece on the dining room table was a fresh pineapple gilded with gold spray paint.

This elegant but inexpensive centerpiece, made by Mrs. John Collins, was further embellished with spikes of golden beads and with shiny corsage pins stuck into each segment of the pineapple.

Kitchens were decorated, too. The David Camps' charming early American kitchen had gingerbread boy cookies taped to the windows and door, and of the table there was a miniature tree made from small red "Lady" apples and sprigs of spruce fastened to a styrofoam cone and set on a wooden composite.

On the wall shelf were candles and greens and a little "tree" made of red and white cat's paw-wrapped peppermint candies pinned to a styrofoam cone.

Ward Ohrman made a fascinating candelabra to hang over the kitchen table. Fluted

jello molds of various sizes, bolted together and sprayed black, held fat red candles. Mrs. Ohrman recommends chilling candles in the refrigerator before lighting them, so they will burn more slowly and last longer.

**CHRISTMAS** trees, both real and artificial, were set up in living rooms and family rooms and wreaths of pinecones or greens were hung on fireplaces, walls and doors.

A unique wreath with a contemporary look was fashioned by Mrs. Robert Piercecchi from a bundle of slender willow branches fastened into a circle and decorated at the top with a cluster of glycerinated magnolia leaves, slices of osage orange fruits, and dried lotus pods.

Another attractive wreath was made from petals of newspaper fastened to a circle made from a cardboard pizza tray, all sprayed a dull gold.

A simple but effective decoration for a coffee table was made by Mrs. M.J. Byrne who used a short, fat red candle in a silver bowl surrounded by sprigs of fresh holly.

Mrs. Rudolph Stzanyo highlighted her family room fireplace with a wooden shadow box holding a carved, polished wood Madonna, a cone studded pine branch and a red votive candle.

Other decorative touches were placed in bedrooms, guest rooms, bathrooms, spreading Christmas cheer all through the house.



**SWANKY** — Lynne Mitchell stretches in this swanky dress donated to the Farmington Goodfellows. The beige cotton dress with tie belt was one of many modeled at the fashion show sponsored by Longacre PTA. (Evert photo)



**SCOTTISH APPAREL** — Erin Kozub was dressed in Scottish apparel for the Goodfellow dress fashion show in Farmington Senior High. Erin models the dress which a lucky child will be wearing after Christmas. (Evert photo)

## Treboldis Make Home In Troy

Mr. and Mrs. Peter James Treboldi are making their home in Troy following their recent wedding in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.

Mrs. Treboldi is the former Cathy Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Peterson of Leeland Avenue, Farmington. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Treboldi of Detroit.

For the rites, the bride wore a white silk organza Victorian gown with high-banded neckline. Venice lace edged the short puffed sleeves and hemline, and a lace daisy cap held her full-length mantilla.

**HER ATTENDANTS** wore lime green organza gowns styled like the bridal gown and carried baskets of white and yellow daisies.

Mrs. Carole Ogurek was matron of honor for her sister, and the bridesmaids were another sister, Cyndy Peterson, Julie Brakora, Karen Nye, Sandy Adams and Barb Steiner. Nancy Dugan, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl.

Gerry DiPonio was best man and the ushers were Gordon Peterson Jr., Patrick Curtin, Herb Klotz, Phil Mesuri and Dave Ritter.

**THE BRIDE'S** mother wore an ice blue silk organza

dress with a matching lace coat, and the mother of the bridegroom was in pale pink lace.

The reception was held in the Glen Oaks Country Club, and the couple went to Bermuda for a two-week honeymoon.



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Plans for other projects were discussed and officers were elected at an inaugural tea at the home for the aged, located on West Seven Mile, Detroit.

Others who were unable to attend the tea, but are interested in joining the auxiliary, are asked to call Florence K. Theiler at KE 1-4001. Charter membership is being held open until Dec. 31.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Bryon W. Trebald, Bloomfield Hills, president; Mrs. Raymond Wilson, Birmingham, first vice president; Mrs. Henry J. Phelps, Detroit, second vice president; Richard G. Lowe, Southfield, third vice president.

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**Bridge Club Plans Party**

The Mayfair Duplicate Bridge Club will sponsor its traditional buffet and bridge party Thursday evening, Dec. 31. The party will be held in the Banquet room of the NCL Cafeteria in the Twelve Mile Mall, telegraph at 12 Mile.

The party begins at 8 p.m. Bridge games will begin no later than 10 p.m., and will be interrupted at midnight for New Year's Eve festivities. After this, the bridge game will continue and trophies will be awarded to those winning up with top scores.

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