

Lace designers to be honored in special show

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Four Michigan women whose lace designs appeared on a block of 22-cent U.S. postage stamps will be honored in a show celebrating "The Romance of Lace, Linen and Silk" at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills, Saturday, Nov. 5.

The Michigan chapter of the International Furnishings and Design Association is presenting the program, which includes seminars, exhibits and dealers in antique and new linen and lace, as well as wicker, jewelry, furniture, quilts, crystal and vintage clothing.

"This is the first time we've done this program," said Mickey Greenfield, president of IFDA, Michigan chapter.

She said a newspaper article on Mary McPeck, who led a 10-year effort to persuade the Postal Service to commemorate the 400-year-old art, inspired the idea for the show.

McPeck of Ann Arbor is one of the four women whose lacework was commemorated on the stamps. The others are Trenea Ruffner of Grosse Pointe Park, Ruth Maxwell of Dearborn and Leslie Saari of Cadillac. All four will be present for the program.

The IFDA, a non-profit group of professionals in the home furnishings and related fields, is expecting attendance of 1,500 for the show. Admission is \$5.

"The program will be unique and timely, reflecting the tremendous revival of Victorian style in contemporary design," Greenfield said. "Participants will have the opportunity to learn about and attend a presentation on the history of lace, re-creating an authentic room, window covers, Victorian wicker, and view fashions and various displays."

Tickets are available at Beaver Distributors Inc., Farmington Hills, Gorman's in Southfield and Troy, Jacobson's Rochester office, Mary Lee Draperies and Pierson's Interiors, Bloomfield Hills, and Diane "M" and Walter Herz Interiors, Birmingham.



These lace gowns will be on display at the "Romance in Lace, Linen and Silk" show at the historic Botsford Inn on Saturday, Nov. 5. Charlene Morria (left) models an antique linen cut-work gown lined in satin. Lane Zell holds an antique bridal fan used over 70 years ago. Mickey Greenfield appears in a Jessica McClintock blouse, accessorized by cable with pearls.

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