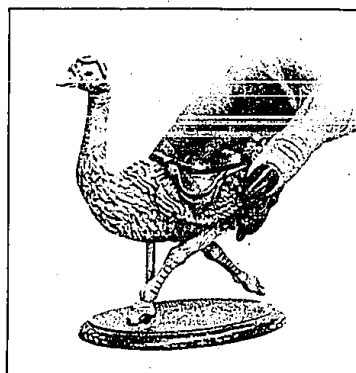


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Oatrich for a carousel by Judy Shellhaas represents at least 350 hours of work. The dining room is assemblage of works from several different miniature artists.



Small scale artistry

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The animals are solid basswood and Shellhaas said she was delighted to discover that many full-size animals done by the great carvers were also done in basswood.

Shellhaas said Mark Twain bought the (Lincoln) bed which she has in the miniature show in Italy for the Mark Twain home in Connecticut, which he later lost.

"His daughters used to put on plays using the finials on the bed for

characters. Mine are removable too," Shellhaas said. "The cherubs I carved were 9 inches tall."

In her research she learned that Twain bought a lot of the furniture for that home in New England in Italy and that he liked the headboard of the bed so much that he put his pillow at the foot of the bed so he could look at the headboard.

Shellhaas, mother, wife and in-demand miniature maker and teacher, said she is working on a degree in graphic arts with a possible minor in sculpture. When she was a teenager,

she wanted to become an architect. But while she worked for six years in the production department of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, she said the X-acto knife became an extension of herself and she knew she would always want to be doing something with her hands.

Miniature making became an ideal outlet for her skills and her creative spirit. The carousel may be one of her most challenging projects yet, but she and her students are determined to see it through.

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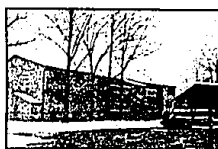
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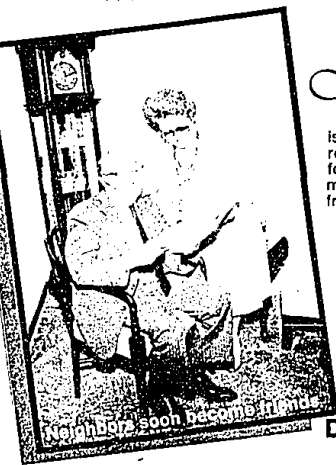


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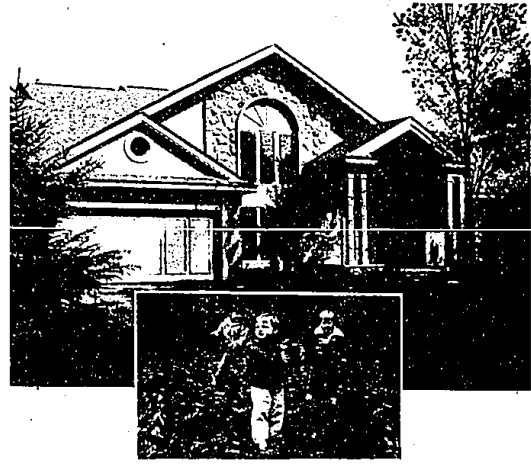
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