

creative impressions

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INTERIOR DESIGN

The Interior Design Studio at Hudson's has created three separate Town Houses for customers to view at their convenience.

The purpose is to display different trends through the creativity of Hudson's interior designers. Artwork, accessories and special-order pieces, not usually included in the furniture showroom, are used. Each room enjoys its own color scheme, mood and design.

The locations are:

• Northland Town House — Lower Level, living room, dining room, master bedroom, foyer. 443-6138

• Eastland Town House — Third Level, living room, dining room, master bedroom, sun room. 245-2357

• Westland Town House — Lower Level, living room, dining room, master bedroom, den. 458-5535

Two to four designers created the Town Houses at each of the three locations.

The Town Houses will be updated as necessary and are open now through September. Individual pieces featured are listed with resource names and retail values.

AUTHOR SIGNING

Oakland County writer Kathe Koja will sign copies of her debut novel, "The Cipher," at 7 p.m. Friday, March 15 at Borders Book Shop, Novi Town Center, Novi Road, just south of I-96.

The novel is the first to be published under the imprint of Abyss, a new line of horror fiction published by Dell.

In "The Cipher," Koja describes the dead-end life of a failed poet named Nicholas, who, with his girlfriend Nakota, begins to experiment with a mysterious black hole they discover in his apartment.

Objects inserted in the hole come out drastically altered if at all; one day, Nicholas himself is altered in a fall near this "Funhole."

Dell chose "The Cipher" as the definitive first title in its Abyss line, designed to showcase a new breed of literature, contemporary horror.

Koja has been writing fiction most of her life.

STUDENT EXHIBIT

Visual arts students at the Creative and Performing Arts in Livonia will display their paintings, drawings and prints from March 14-23 on the second floor of Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

PIANO RECITAL

Internationally acclaimed pianist Robert Jordan will visit the University of Michigan March 15-17 in an appearance sponsored by the University of Michigan Afro-American Music Collection and the Martin Luther King/Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Visiting Professor Program.

The Eastman School of Music and Julliard School graduate will give a master class 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, in the School of Music Recital Hall. His visit will culminate in a recital at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 17, in the School of Music Recital Hall.

PHOTO SEMINAR

The Photo Guild of Detroit will hold its 28th annual photographic seminar at 8:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn.

The program is designed for all levels of photographic expertise, from beginner to advanced amateur. Sessions will include nature, wedding and travel photography.

Darkroom techniques, composition and camera basics will be highlighted. Call 642-8831 for details.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

"Pirin," a Bulgarian National Folk Ensemble,

is making its third North American tour celebrating the 1,300th anniversary of Bulgaria's founding.

It will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 16 in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. The ensemble brings 75 performers to reflect its cultural heritage: dancers, a folk instrument orchestra, the Stefanov Women's Chorus.

Marking the 40th anniversary of its first American tour, the Israel Philharmonic, with conductor Zubin Mehta, will return to Hill Auditorium at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 21. Guest artist will be violinist Maxim Vengerov.

The American Dance Theatre will appear at 8 p.m. Monday, March 25 in the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

This 21-member ensemble is the first national company to perform the American Indian culture in a theatrical environment.

All performances are under the auspices of the University Musical Society at the University of Michigan.

For tickets, call 764-2538.

SLIDE LECTURE

Katherine T. Carter will present a free slide lecture, "Highlights of the 1989-90 New York Gallery Exhibition Season," at 1 p.m. Monday, March 18 in Aday Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 1100 Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

POSTER DISPLAY

Posters by British-born contemporary artist David Hockney will be on display March 19 to May 21 in the Third Floor Exhibit Hall in the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward, in the University Cultural Center.

Collector Brian Baggott of London lent the posters for the exhibition. Admission is free. Library hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 1-9 p.m.

Event sponsors are the Michigan Opera Theatre and Ford Motor Co., in celebration of the bicentennial of Mozart's death.

CRAFT FAIR

The Henry Ruff PTA will host a craft fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Henry Ruff School, 30300 Maplewood at Henry Ruff, in Garden City.

Crafts will include soft sculptures, country bunnies, ceramics, wall decors, woodcraft, dolls, quilts, quilted books, painted shirts, Victorian crafts, baskets and Easter items.

There also will be a bake sale.

BENEFIT AUCTION

New Morning School, a non-profit cooperative school, preschool through grade 8, in Plymouth, will hold its 15th annual auction at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36275 Joy Rd., Westland.

A live auction will be presented by Dan Stall, Inc. Items to be auctioned include a suite at the palace for 20 people to view the Moscow Circus, getaways to New York, Boston, Las Vegas and Washington, D.C. and a mink coat and the right to be a working guest on a sailboat in the Detroit to Mackinac race.

For auction tickets, call 420-3331. Hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, buffet dinner and late night snack will also be part of the evening. So will silent tables.

Established in 1973, New Morning School emphasizes individualized study, parental involvement, and student participation in learning.

CABARET FARE

"Come to the Cabaret," a program by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13 in Kregg Hall, Madonna College, 1506 and Levan, Livonia.

The program will feature Fat Bob Taylor and guest conductor Sister Mary Francilene, Madonna president.

Andrea Hughes will dance the famous Bacchanale from Saint-Saens' "Samson and Delilah."

Tickets are \$15, tables of eight and 10 avail-

able. Cash bar and snacks available. Call 591-5044.

CRAFT SHOW

Collectible Crafts will have an arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at Novi Middle School. More than 85 handicrafters will participate.

Admission to the show is \$1.50. The school is located on Taft between 10 Mile and Grand River, in Novi.

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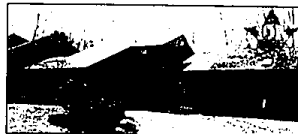
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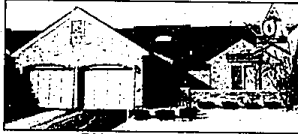
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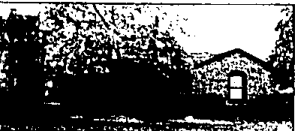
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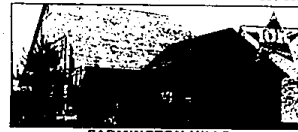
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Flowery

Roses flourish with drip irrigation

Roses are making the news this year.

All-American Rose Selections Inc. suggests using many types of roses for container growing. The process isn't difficult and can be rewarding. Use a pot with enough room — 6 inches wide by 8 inches deep for miniatures and 14 by 18 inches for full-sized plants.

Porous pots need a good soaking before the rose is placed in them. All pots need drainage holes and can be lined with gravel, charcoal or shards. Put a little soil in the bottom of the new pot before transferring the rose, add more soil, pack it well, then soak.

Six to eight hours of direct sunlight is necessary, and the soil needs to be kept evenly moist when new growth begins. Apply a liquid fertilizer weekly at half strength until good growth starts, then use full strength on a regular basis.

JACKSON & PERKINS, meanwhile, is sponsoring a new series of TV programs, "Gardens of the World."

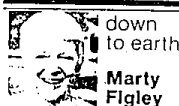
The first show has aired but several additional programs exploring a different garden theme will follow this summer. To commemorate the series, the company is offering a hybrid tea rose, "Gardens of the World," with cream buds edged with cherry red. It has a light fragrance.

A new grandiflora rose, "Audrey Hepburn," hardy and disease-resistant, which grows 4 to 5 feet tall with a 2 1/2-foot spread, blossoms prolifically. The flower is large, apple blossom pink in color and very fragrant. This rose is suitable for all parts of the country and is available from Spring Hill Nurseries, Peoria, Ill.

"We all have within us a need to create beauty. And we all can in a garden, however small," Hepburn said. "Perhaps if we now take a closer look at our gardens, we will at last awaken to the fragility of our beautiful planet and better understand our lovely Earth."

The TV programs will show many gardens "right in our own living rooms." Look forward to seeing them.

Another rose is making its debut this year, an overblooming landscape shrub, "Caroline Wen-



down to earth
Marty Flegly

der," by the Conard Pyle Co., West Grove, Pa. The petals are rich pink in color with creamy pink on the reverse. The hips, for fall color, are large orange-red.

No wonder the rose is our national flower.

WHEN PLANNING an area for roses, several factors must be taken into consideration. The first is sun. Six to eight hours daily, with morning sun preferable, to minimize the chance of disease problems.

The second is space. Roses need room to grow and air circulation. If there are nearby trees, visualize their mature height in a few years. What now is a sunny location may soon become too shady.

Ideally the soil pH is 6.5 to 6.8, roses will tolerate some leeway on either side. A soil sample will tell, and the soil can be amended if necessary. Remember, well-drained and well-aerated soil will help the roses thrive.

A DRIP irrigation system in our rose bed works splendidly. It was put in place in 1989 when we planted the roses and it made watering a breeze. I usually let the water seep into the ground for about two hours and test for enough moisture by shoving a stick into the ground.

There are several brands, but we used "Leaky Pipe" R, from Northwest Underground Irrigation Systems Inc., Pendleton, Ore. 97001.

Fertilizers can be applied through the pipe also. A sloping area would be ideal for such a system.

Marty Flegly is a master gardener based in Farmington Hills.