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Holiday bounty

Ellen Simblest (left), Gerry Hyde and Bev Cornell sit surrounded by some of the blankets and sweaters Westbrook subdivision collected for the Salvation Army. Spearheaded by Cornell, the subdivision collected 300 bags of cold weather goods. Cornell devised a system in which residents could

drop off their donations at the home of nearby block captains. "It has to be close for people," Cornell said. "The easier it is (for people to give) the more response you'll have. You want to make it as simple as possible."

Holiday event embraces many different cultures



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Lois Willet stands proudly next to a miniature village in her collection. Two of her villages will be on exhibit at the Heritage Holiday Tour.

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It's difficult to find these things today at a reasonable price.

Included in her collection are polyply Santas manufactured by the Schoenbut toy factory at the turn of the century. Tip them over and they pop back up.

Mother to seven children and grandmother to 11-soon-to-be 12, Abdou's infamous in her family for her love of decorating for the holidays. "My family used to say if you stood still I'd put a bow on you," she said. If you stand still long enough at

Lois Willet's house, you're bound to find yourself in the middle of a miniature landscape.

The Farmington Hills resident is a born collector. As a child she enjoyed dollhouses and never lost her pleasure in scaled down trinkets. Now, she and her husband Dale collect miniatures for themselves and their four children. Since 1984 she's accumulated several different styles of miniature villages.

"It's a tradition for my kids," she said.

This year, tour participants can see Willet's collection of North Pole

Village and Dickens Village miniature lighted homes and buildings.

The Heritage Holiday Tour is open from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 5-6 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 7-8 at Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Admission for adults, \$3; seniors and teens, \$2; children, \$1; children under 6, free. No strollers. For details call the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, 473-9570.

Boutique and tea room will be open. Free hayrides available hourly during the weekend.

Documentary on Jewish experience

A documentary film called "Intervals of Silence: Being Jewish in Germany" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Jewish Community Center at Maple and Drake roads.

Co-sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, Detroit Chapter, the Consulate General of the Federal

Republic of Germany and the Holocaust Memorial Center, the film will provide the opportunity for American Jews, Germans and Americans of German descent to come together and discuss the Germany of today.

The filmmaker, Deborah Lefkowitz, will lead a discussion immediately following the hour-long film.

For tickets and more information, call 965-3355.

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