

Southfield woman styles exhibit

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worked with Cindy Sirko of New York on the design of the five galleries.

SCHREIER'S COLLECTION is the largest and most extensive of its kind. Items from it have been shown at the Louvre in Paris, the Hermitage in Leningrad, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston.

"My collection is fashion as an art form. I am not interested in vintage clothing."

"The design is most important to me. . . . Who wore them is unimportant."

Schreier has all the costumes from "The Pink Panther" movies because they were designed by St. Laurent.

Her collection also includes a Worth dress embroidered with peacock feathers, a Mondrian dress and a Polart dress sequined with a mermaid's tail.

"THE COLLECTION has gone from a hobby to a big career," Schreier's love of fashion came early in her life.

Her father was a furrier for Rusk's, a Detroit branch of a New York store, who would take her to see gowns when she was a child. As a youngster, she read Vogue magazine as well as examined her grandmother's old clothes.

"I just fell in love with all of that. I fell in love with costume in the movies. I was crazy about movie star clothes."

SCHREIER BEGAN collecting fashions when she was a teenager. As her collection grew, so did her worldwide reputation.

Museums and researchers often contact her. She lectures and regularly appears on television and radio. Oprah Winfrey and Barbara Walters have interviewed her. Cos-

tume designers have consulted her — including those for Bette Midler's movie "Stella." Vogue and Bazaar magazines have featured her work.

In addition, she has designed costumes for the Supremes and the Temptations, and accessories for St. Laurent. She was named spokesperson for Karl Lagerfeld last year.

A party, "A Valentine View of 'Chic to Chic' With Dancing Check to Check," has been scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in conjunction with the exhibit. Those attending must wear anything red.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Reservations must be made by Friday, Feb. 7. Call 833-0247 for reservation forms and information.

The event will be at the DIA. Use the Woodward entrance. Parking will be available in the Farmsworth underground garage.

Sample sale draws crowd

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dealers. Prices are a minimum 60 percent off the original.

In one of the three sales areas, generous samples of lush Schumacher fabric were selling as fast as manager Sherry Koenig could take the money.

"A LOT OF the pieces were large enough to cover a small piece of furniture, or to make a pillow or even a skirt," Koenig said, as two women behind her swagged a piece of silk plaid with trim along the edges.

"We had a few finished products — tablecloths, comforters and shams, but they sold within the first few minutes of the sale. These are not discontinued fabrics, so if a person bought a sample and needed more, she could call a designer and order whatever she needs."

In another part of the showroom, a woman held a pale yellow-and-blue striped sample against a small, graceful chair.

Backing off, pondering, she was reminiscent of Benjamin's "Aristotle Contemplating a Bust of Homer." Should she or shouldn't she? She should. Sold One \$400 side chair, to be recovered with Schumacher fabric.

AND, amidst the clacking of calculators, Norman Lacoff, MDC's unofficial "mayor," scurried about, answering questions, joking with shoppers, and hanging red "sold" tags on furnishings to be delivered.

One such tagged item was a glass-topped table, whose base was a Chinese fishbowl on a black lacquered stand. The proud buyer chortled as she showed off her purchase to two friends.

"It's 42 inches across. Just what I've been looking for. I'm going to buy two Parsons' chairs to go with it. You can't walk away from anything

Shoppers aid special house

Nearly 4,000 Detroit area consumers braved bitter cold weather to snap up extraordinary bargains and support Ronald McDonald House of Detroit on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18 and 19, during the January Floor Sample Sale at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

More than \$5,000 was collected for "The House That Love Built," which provides a home-like atmosphere next to Children's Hospital of Michigan, a haven for hundreds of parents of sick children every year.

The sale was very successful, both for our showrooms and

Ronald McDonald House," said Susan Zinger, vice president and general manager of MDC.

"Many customers replied that they were pleased we had chosen to do this type of benefit, and I'm certain we'll continue our fund-raising efforts."

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Sculpture presents personal touch

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They remind the viewer of ordinary or familiar objects, but which objects is the question. Another question is of what they are made.

Sylvia's owner, Linda Ross, describes the attraction to Martin's work as having to do with its minimalism and sensuousness.

"I guess it's that challenge of finding out what it is that draws you into the work," Ross said.

STAND BEFORE "Infinity," two round works of wax, paper and graphite each measuring 4 inches by 4 feet, featuring a series of circles. The more you look, the more you wonder of what it is they remind you. Are they felled trees? Giant rolls of paper or spools of thread? Large record disks that bear a message?

And the more you look, the more you feel as though the works are inverted or converted instead of flat. Are you looking into a hole or at a cone?

"The Game" is an arrangement of 36 pieces, made of cardboard, plaster, newspaper, wood, wax and steel. One viewer offered a description Martin hadn't thought of: giant nougat-filled candies.

Some works resemble large metal screws or other bits of hardware. With others the viewer is surprised to feel the slightly sticky touch of wax instead of the cool, smooth surface of marble.

MARTIN FREQUENTLY uses wax to transform the objects. She works with beeswax, in a double boiler over water on a hot plate.

"I like wax. I think about the way

it's a material that goes from liquid to solid and liquid again. I like the smell of it. It has this really wonderful smell."

Martin earned a master of fine arts degree from the California College of Arts and Crafts in 1981. She is currently visiting assistant professor at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y. Her most recent honor was being awarded a fellowship at the Berni's Foundation in Omaha.

MARTIN'S WORK may be large or small, from marble-size to several feet. Does she have a preference? "I think I would make large to medium (size) pieces. It may have to do with this being the size we are."

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