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top turns out to be marble or granite remember to support it on a thin piece of painted plywood or it may crack. Be certain you allow ample chair or knee space. Paint the bases a spectacular color that will light up the room. Paint or lacquer are allies we should all treasure.

Headboards are fun to design. Quickly we envision a puffy upholstery job. Severe rectilinear lines without being overstuffed is too often overlooked. Surround a flat heavy piece of plywood with a strong raised rim of 2-by-4's, mitered at the corners. Sand the surfaces well. Now lacquer it a soft taupe color. Or what about thinly covering the form with a plush suede cloth? Practical and washable. I have also visited a lumber yard and bought a panelled door that I turned on its side and added legs. Here comes that ubiquitous paint bucket.

Creating your own upholstered furniture gets a little dicey. The tilt of the back of a chair, or the depth of the seat cushion is critical to its comfort. A 5-

foot-2-inch woman does not conform to a chair the same way a 6-foot-3-inch man will. Where the seat hits the bend of the knee is so vastly different. This would apply if you visited a furniture store and sat in a variety of chairs. . . at least you have options. The density and softness of the seat cushion may suit you, but your spouse vetos it. Be satisfied just to select the appropriate upholstery fabric after your conference.

You have been very pragmatic. You have produced some distinctive and tasteful furnishings. They are very personal and your endeavors should make you proud, and afford you unbelievable satisfaction in the future.

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Weekend antiques show set

The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday-Sunday, Sept. 22-24, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen (at 10-1/4 Mile), Southfield.

Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 with any of the event's

ads or listings, \$6 regular, free for children age 12 or under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show.

A diverse selection of fine American, European and Oriental antiques and fine art will be featured.

Store to host photographer

Internationally renowned photographer Betsy Cameron, who inspired the Lexington Betty Cameron Children Collection, will be on hand to sign freeposters of her famous children's photography, "Just Friends on a Loveseat," at Scott Shuptrine Furniture stores this weekend.

Cameron will be at Scott Shuptrine in Troy, 977 E. 14 Mile, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. She will be at the store in Novi, 43606 W. Oak Drive, 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. Refreshments will be served. Children are welcome.

Cameron's works have appeared in books, magazines and calendars. She is best known for her evocative photo, "Two Children," which has been an in-

ternational best seller for six years.

Currently, Cameron is working with Lexington Furniture Industries and is the inspiration for the Betty Cameron Children, a 36-piece collection of delicate and feminine designs in Love-Worn Antique Cherry and Linen White finishes, with select pieces decorated with accent appliques.

Special features enhance this collection, such as a secret drawer in the Love Letter Lingerie Chest and reverse panels in Annie's Armoire. All pieces are available at Scott Shuptrine Furniture.

This collection appeals to the young and not-so-young and was launched at the October 1994 Home Furnishings Market.

Rug creator to give lecture in area

Azar's Oriental Rugs of Birmingham will present a special evening with George Jermovic, creator of the world-renowned AZERI (TM) rugs from Philadelphia, Thursday, Sept. 28.

A lecture and video will take place 8 p.m., followed by a reception. Call (810) 644-7311 or (800) 622-RUGS for information and reservations, or visit the front desk at 670 S. Woodward.

Pick up the right accent for tables

Doris Brown, founder and president of the St. Clair Shores based Brown's Restaurant Servers Academy, will again present a class on "Accenting Your Table and Creating the Finishing Touch" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sessions are scheduled 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Oct. 18. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 881-7511 for information.

Sitting down to a beautifully decorated table is the beginning of a perfect dinner party. Unusual centerpiece from three to 10 inches tall, napkin folding and what to do with flowers are just a few of the many "secrets" you will learn in this hands-on workshop.

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