

Busy summer planned for area miniaturists

Summer classes for children and a second 1996 visit from well-known miniaturist Bill Lankford highlight the schedule at Miniature Makers' Workshop July 20 through Oct. 5.

A flyer with details is available by calling (810) 549-0633 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, said Criss Goad of Birmingham, owner of the Workshop at 4515 N. Woodward, Royal Oak.

A children's class Saturday, July 27, covers the making of doll house pots, pans and kitchen utensils with paper, to be taught by Gail Braman of Farmington Hills.

Area rugs will be the subject of a children's class taught by Braman Thursday, Aug. 8.

Adults are welcome at both children's classes, and children are invited to an adult session on teddy bears Saturday, Aug. 3. Instructor Nancy VanCamp of Pontiac will show students how to mold a teddy bear of Fimo clay.

Lankford, an artisan whose work is displayed in important miniature museums, returns from Schererville, Ind., to teach a two-day class Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 14-15. He will cover

the creation of a Venetian street scene of shops or houses along a canal.

Students may bring their doll houses to Goad's wiring workshop Thursday, Aug. 8.

Walter Schutter of Sterling Heights is instructor Saturday, Aug. 10, for a Queen Anne ten table in mahogany.

Sue Jaques of Farmington Hills will teach students to make a wicker porch swing and a Victorian garden structure called a strombella.

The making of a small house from a walnut shell will be covered by Braman Saturday, Sept. 14.

Other subjects include a patio setting with barbecue, interior decorating, a back-to-school brown bag lunch, hot dog and hamburger barbecue, and doll house exteriors.

Tuition prices vary according to class length and materials furnished. Reservations for classes should be made a minimum of two weeks in advance.

The Workshop will close for staff vacations July 1-16, but phone messages will be returned.

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