



Show house: This two-story home facade is part of Somerset's Home & Garden Show.

## Luxury 'home, garden' on display

This year's Home & Garden Show at the Somerset Collection in Troy has a different look. The Grand Court of Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge, is the site of a luxury, two-story home facade and lavish garden. They will be on display through June 24.

The exhibit is connected to a year-long, \$2 million design and charity fund-raising campaign at two model homes in The Oaklands, the master planned residential development in Oakland Township by the Mocerri Companies.

Visitors looking through the windows of the facade will see photographic portraits of representative rooms and furnishings at The Oaklands models. A study and a kitchen are on view.

The model homes were designed by Dominick Tringali Associates Architects and Plan-

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Warm, buttery colors are on the walls of the kitchen. Creamy cabinets are nestled in a corner.

The island is topped in dark granite.

A 5,000-square foot garden adjoins the display home. The garden was designed by Gerald Salerno Ltd. of Rochester Hills and Jim Meyers' Historical Courtyards and Gardens of Southfield and Petoskey. It was patterned after Isola Bella, a 17th century garden on Lake Maggiore in Italy. The statuary is by Historical Courtyards.

Italian gardens draw on texture and structure for their effect, rather than rely on color from flowers for their impact,

Salerno said.

The garden at Somerset features a large terrace area with terra cotta urns, arranged by Cranbrook garden volunteers.

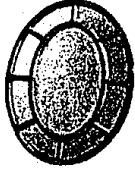
Meyers designed the parterre, which contains crushed gravel in a pattern of massed, contrasting plantings. Four quadrangles include cast limestone statues representing earth, fire, water and air. A multi-tier fountain is surrounded by lush plantings in the center. An elegant pavilion designed by Tringali is in the far end.

The Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and Gilda's Club Metro Detroit will receive proceeds from an auction of the furnishings and accessories donated from the Somerset merchants. The auction is planned for next May.

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As spring comes to a close and the dog days of summer begin, pet owners should remember to keep their animals comfortable and safe during the hot days ahead.

Rather than place animals at risk during periods of extreme heat, there are preventative measures owners can take to insure their pet's safety.

Never leave a pet alone inside a vehicle, even with the windows down. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can reach 120 degrees within a matter of minutes leaving your pet susceptible to heat stroke, and possibly even death.

Keep your pets as comfortable as possible. During these hot days, an animal is much more likely to enjoy a cool spot on the kitchen tile or basement floor, rather than the sun-soaked cement of a driveway.

Bring pets inside if at all possible. If animals must be left outdoors for any length of time, adequate shade and a fresh supply of drinking water is essential. But remember, when humidity and temperatures soar, even these precautions may not be enough. To report an animal left outdoors without proper provisions, please call the MHS Cruelty Hotline at (313) 872-3401.

If your pet is experiencing rapid panting and lethargy and has been subjected to extreme temperatures, he may be suffering from heat stress. If your pet exhibits these symptoms, keep him in a cool area and contact your veterinarian immediately.

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