

Do-it-yourselfers find kits on Web

Bloomfield Hills resident and entrepreneur Ron Rosalik has announced the launch of a first-of-its-kind Web site, www.kitguy.com.

KitGuy.com unites do-it-yourselfers, woodcrafters, artisans and weekend mechanics with kits, tools, projects and supplies in more than 40 different home improvement, sports, decorative and electronic categories.

It's the one-stop Web shop for all handymen and handymen who want practical, creative and economical access to projects they can complete in a night or weekend; who build for their business success; or who simply enjoy creating things in a fun-filled, relaxing time with family and friends.

"Until now, anyone who was interested in building a quality piece of furniture, a boat, a sunroom or even a leaded glass lamp or mosaic tile table - virtually anything that's available in kit form - had to seek out tiny advertisements in the back of popular mechanical or lifestyle magazines, or they had to search long and hard for it on the Internet," said Rosalik.

lik, KitGuy founder.

"Now, when they visit www.kitguy.com, they can find virtually anything and everything that's available to build from quality kit manufacturers from across the U.S.A. It's a handyman's and handymen's dream come true!"

The site offers DIY projects ranging from computers, robotics, doghouses and dollhouses to furniture, cottages, swing sets and more.

Every kit bought through KitGuy rewards the buyer with a KitGuy.com discount savings or dollars off future kit purchases made through KitGuy.

KitGuy offers a newsletter featuring DIY tips, project ideas and first-on-the-market kit projects. Do-it-yourselfers can share their own tips and building successes online by signing on.

For more information, visit www.kitguy.com or call Rosalik at (800) 891-KITS.

Rosalik created the Web site after more than two years of research, trials, meetings with kit manufacturers and cultivating suppliers.

■ The 54th annual Goodwill Antiques Show will take place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 16-18, at the Michigan State Fair and Exposition Center, Woodward at Eight Mile. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. General admission (\$10) and senior citizen (\$8) tickets may be bought at the door or through members of Junior Group of Goodwill, which is sponsoring the event. Fairground parking is free. A Preview Party will kick off the show 7-10 p.m. Thursday. Preview tickets range from \$80 to \$200 and may be ordered by calling the Junior Group at (313) 886-6787 or visiting www.goodwilldetroit.org. Ernest Du Mouchelle of Du Mouchelle Galleries will provide free appraisals of items brought from home Friday and Saturday. The show will feature more than 40 premier antique exhibitors from across the country and focus on Americana. Other features will include the Goodwill Booth, a silent auction, specialty food items, a gift boutique and a cafe. All proceeds from the show benefit Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit.

■ Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary will present the 26th annual Holiday Tables event, Celebrations, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 16-18, at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. Tables decorated by area celebrities will be displayed, arranged throughout Cranbrook House. Two patron teas are scheduled Thursday - one 9:30-11:30 a.m. and one 1:30-4 p.m.; tickets are \$50. General admission hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday; tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. To buy advance tickets or for more information, call (248) 946-3147. Proceeds benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House.

■ The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council will present its 11th Designer Showhouse Nov. 17 to Dec. 9 at 2716 Turtle Ridge Drive in Bloomfield Township. The opening gala will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Forest Lake Country Club, 1401

Club Drive, with shuttle buses taking guests to the showhouse. Tickets to the gala are \$150, \$275 and \$500; for more information or to buy tickets, call (313) 576-6154 or (313) 576-6155. Tickets to view the home Nov. 17 to Dec. 9 are \$20 at the door, \$18 in advance, and \$16 for groups of 15 or more with advance purchase until Nov. 17. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last entry 3 p.m.). The showhouse will be closed Thanksgiving Day. To get to the showhouse, take Square Lake Road to Club Drive (west of Telegraph) and

turn south on Club Drive; or take Franklin Road (north of Long Lake Road) and turn west on Club Drive to the Turtle Lake entrance. For more information, call the Designer Showhouse Information Line at (313) 576-5177. All proceeds benefit the DSO and its projects.

■ The historic Orson Starr House, 3123 N. Main, one block south of 13 Mile in Royal Oak, has an open house 1-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Donations appreciated. Private group tours by appointment. Call (248) 888-0170.

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