

SHOPPING

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■ CAMP FIRED

Camp Fired, an art-intensive summer camp divided into eight one-week, 2-1/2-hour sessions, will begin Monday, June 17, and run through Aug. 16 at You're Fired, a paint-it-yourself pottery studio in West Bloomfield.

The camp is open to children age 8 years and older. Each session will focus on different artists or time periods in art history translating into ceramic painting, tie-dyeing, mosaic projects and more taught by Novi elementary school art teacher Leslie Starler.

For more information, call You're Fired at (248) 851-6594. You're Fired is in The Boardwalk shopping center at 6925 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple.

■ QUILTING

Quilter Cynthia Wisler will give a demonstration on quilting using American themes 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, at Art Van Furniture, 14055 Hall Road in Shelby Township.

Learn about new and old quilting techniques along with unusual uses for quilts.

Call (888) 619-2199 to make reservations for the complimentary presentations.

■ THUNDERBIRD PREVIEW

As part of the Revvin' with Ford Walk of Fame, a Dream Cruise pre-event Thursday, June 20, in downtown Birmingham, Shades Optical in Birmingham will host its own Thunderbird Preview Party.

A new Ford Thunderbird will be parked next to Shades Optical, which is at 205 E. Maple, between Woodward and Old Woodward.

The store will preview the new Oliver Peoples eyewear collection, featuring the special edition Thunderbird frames will take place.

Times are: Oliver Peoples preview, noon to 6 p.m.; Thunderbird eyewear drawing, 6:30 p.m.; food, music and festivities (with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and music by DJ Philip A.), 7-10 p.m.

■ WALK OF FAME

The Revvin' with Ford Walk of Fame, a Dream Cruise pre-event Thursday, June 20, in downtown Birmingham offers fun for all.

Guests will have the chance to win a one-evening stay at the Townsend Hotel and two tickets

to the Revvin' with Ford Preview Party Aug. 16.

To enter the drawing, have the official entry form stamped by visiting any 10 of these 14 locations in Birmingham: Art Loft, Ariada, Astrelin's Creative Jewellers, Avenue Gallery, Hansel 'N Gretel Shoes, Imelda's Closet, Jacobson's, Kilwin's Chocolates & Ice Cream, Maple Street Cafe, Maxwell, SEE Eyewear, Shades Optical, Tender, and Zoom Artistic Photography. All participants who enter the drawing will receive a prize.

Some of these businesses will give discounts or giveaways to guests dressed in '50s and '60s theme Thursday, and have special decor, drawings or entertainment.

Raffle tickets to win a two-year lease for a 2002 Ford Mustang Convertible are available at Avenue Gallery, Hansel 'N Gretel Shoes, Imelda's Closet and SEE Eyewear. All proceeds benefit the Children's Charities Coalition.

■ FOCUS DAY

St. John Focus Day will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, June 21, at Jacobson's in Birmingham. Call (248) 644-6900.

Where can I find?

Through reader feedback, this interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls.

Also, please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

FIND AND SEARCH:

A reader has National Geographic from 1970 and 1980 to donate.

WHAT WE FOUND:

To preserve an old newspaper column, try Guys & Dolls in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-1260. They do perma-plaquin.

The bank that sells mad

money is the Monroe Bank & Trust. There is a branch in Flat Rock.

Chris' Hallmark at Merriam and Cherry Hill in Westland sells a Zippy doll that has the same features as the Dapper Dan doll.

For a curling iron with a 2-inch barrel, try area Sally's Beauty Supply stores.

For straight razor shaves, try Julia's Barber Shop, 29163 Five Mile in Livonia, (734) 425-6183.

Wooden half barrels are sold at the Wal-Mart store at I-96 and Middlebelt.

WHERE CAN I FIND:

A store that sells Inka Cola, a beverage from South America, for Lori?

A store that sells canopy curtain rods and curtains for Ann?

A store that sells a wooden Kleenex box shaped like a birdhouse for Margaret of Westland? Hallmark used to sell them.

A store that sells a plastic

mailbox in light brown or cream to be put over a 4-by-4 for Jeff of Canton?

A store that sells Style hairpray for Lucille?

A store that sells an electric potato peeler for Janet?

A business or information to keep decking brown for Margaret?

A store that sells shoe polish by Turtle Wax for James of Livonia?

A store that sells Royall Spycy all-purpose after shave for Walter of Redford?

A store that sells Evening in Paris perfume for Barbara?

A store that sells a mattress pad (no filling, no cross stitching, one layer, 100 percent polyester, water- and stain-resistant) for Joann?

A store that sells the discontinued Zip-Loc 1-gallon vegetable bags for Loretta?

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CRAFT CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in the Arts & Crafts Calendar to Kelly Kaleski, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009. To fax (248) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314. E-mail: kkaleski@ec.homecomm.net. Please copy and paste info into an e-mail or send as a text file.

SHOWS

Fine Art at Meadow Brook: June 22-23 festival will feature over 150 artists on the grounds of Meadow Brook at Oakland University, Rochester Hills. The juried art festival is a partnership between Palace Sports & Entertainment and Creative Arts Council. Admission is a one-dollar charitable donation. Libertyfest: Arts and Crafts Show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June

22, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at Heritage Park in Canton Township. For exhibition information, call (810) 858-0440. Farmington Founder's Festival: Over 50 artists displaying painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass and stained glass, leather, graphics and woodcarving will be represented during the craft show at the festival in downtown Farmington, July 18-20. For more information go to www.foundersfestival.com (crafters) or call (248) 932-FEST (3378).

CRAFTERS SOUGHT

Lapeer Days: Crafters are urged to apply to participate in the Lapeer Days Arts & Crafts juried show, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 16-18. The

event draws over 150,000 people annually. Crafter space is limited. For information, call Sandy at the Chamber of Commerce office, (810) 654-6641.

Delta Kappa Gamma Show:

Crafters need for 16th annual juried show at West Middle School in Plymouth 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Call Terri (734) 415-6165.

Fall festival: St. Damian Parish in Westland looking for crafters for its fall show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. For more information, or an application, call (734) 421-6130.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church: Crafters wanted for annual Christmas Bazaar at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford. Oct.

26, table rental \$25, call Nancy call (313) 937-1741 and (313) 533-5255. Fall show: Our Redeemer

Lutheran Church of Dearborn has tables available for its 21st annual craft show on Saturday, Oct. 26. Eight foot tables are \$25. Call (313) 562-9246 for information.

Holiday Magic Craft Show:

Applications are being accepted for the show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Leonard Elementary School, 4404 Tallman, Troy. Admission is \$2. For information and applications, write to craftshow@prodigy.net or call Marian, (248) 680-1533.

Schoolcraft College: Crafters of every ilk are encouraged to apply for a spot in the 2002 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 9-10. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area

and attracts crowds of more than 2,000 people. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category to maintain a balanced representation in each craft. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarving. For an application, call Marjorie Lynch at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads west of I-75.

Holiday showcase: Crafters

sought for show at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rochester. Call Harriet (248) 652-0676 to reserve a table for the Nov. 15-16 show and sale.

Elf Shelf Arts & Crafts Show:

Crafters are urged to apply for the 31st annual juried show, Saturday, Nov. 30 at Troy High School. Send entries to P.O. Box 1545, Troy, MI 48069, or call Marilyn Johnson (248) 689-4992.

Christmas Craft Show

St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton is accepting applications for its annual Christmas show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Call Donna Whittaker, (734) 981-0723 if you're interested in participating.

Symphony choir announces auditions

The Rackham Symphony Choir, one of Detroit's oldest and largest choral organizations, announces auditions for choir members for its 2002-2003 concert season. Performances in the 54th RSC season will include *Cavalleria Rusticana* at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts in Dearborn, *Yichor Requiem*, *The Reluctant Dragon*, and the return of the sell-out hit *Too Hot to Handel*.

Auditions for *Too Hot to Handel* and auditions for RSC membership will take place Wednesday, Thursday, June 26-27, by appointment only. Call (313) 272-0034 for more information and to arrange appointment and audition location. Singers should prepare one musical selection to perform. An accompanist will be provided.

Auditions for the other RSC productions will be held throughout the 2002-2003 concert season. For details and times, call (313) 272-0034.

The Rackham Symphony Choir will present its featured production of the season *Too Hot to Handel*, the jazz gospel version of Handel's beloved *Messiah*, at the Detroit Opera House.

Performances are 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. S

Like no other production of the *Messiah*, the Rackham Symphony Choir's version of *Too Hot to*

Handel is a foot-stomping, hand-clapping take on the holiday classic.

Conducted by RSC Artistic and Music Director Suzanne Mallare Acton with a full orchestra including local jazz musicians, last season's performance played to a sell-out audience at Rev. Jim Holley's Little Rock Baptist Church in Detroit.

Due to the concert's popularity, the Rackham Symphony Choir will present *Too Hot to Handel* at the Detroit Opera House this season to provide an opportunity for larger audiences to experience this sensational production.

Featured soloists from last season's *Too Hot to Handel*, Rodrick Dixon from *Three Mo' Tenors*, Alfreda Burke, and Vivian Cherry, will once again join RSC in this exciting production.

Established in 1949, Rackham Symphony Choir has provided thousands of people from Detroit and Southeastern Michigan with the opportunity to perform and to experience choral music of the highest quality.

Members are selected by audition from among experienced choral singers throughout the metropolitan area.

For more information visit www.rackhamchoir.org.

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