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allows perfect viewing for all. "It just kind of developed,"

Lynn said of deciding to build the extra seating. "This room changed several times." Seeing a vision and trying it out was part of the fun, she added.

"We didn't know how to do anything," Lynn said at first. The couple love racing; a bathroom and the bar area in the basement carry over those themes.

Other "carry over" issues include the basement that was all in barnwood from the previous owners. Instead of removing all of it, some of the wood was saved to give the basement a warm country feel by leaving the wall beams.

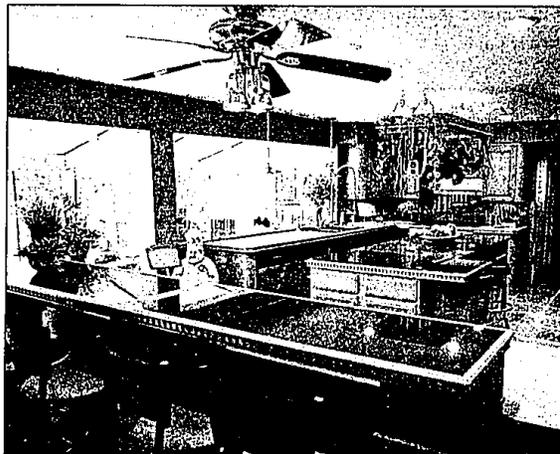
There is no aspect to the house that was not changed in some way, Lynn said. The kitchen was also completely remodeled. "It used to be all white Formica," she said.

A long slab of dark granite weighing 500 pounds was brought in by the couple to create an island in the dark toned kitchen. Lynn winces at the memory of hauling in the slab, which the couple did entirely by themselves.

Even the basement has themes, with an outdoor cafe look with terraces with vines hanging from the ceiling and brick pavers on the floor that leads to the wine cellar.

"I don't know how we did it," Lynn said looking back on the finished project. "We just started and from there were doing stuff together."

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The kitchen features a granite-topped island and a handmade bar seating counter.

TAKING TEA

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midway between black and green teas. Green tea is picked in the earliest part of the season; subsequently, the leaves are steamed to destroy enzymes that cause fermentation, after which they are rolled and fired.

As a health benefit, tea contains less caffeine than coffee and releases it at a slower rate, gradually stimulating the central nervous system.

Drinking tea generates vitality and intensifies mental alertness. Conversely, it also induces a calming effect.

TEA HISTORY

Tea-drinking originated in China, perhaps as early as 2750 B.C., but did not arrive in England until the middle of the 1600s.

Aristocrats and merchants finally introduced it to the English. Catherine of Braganza, a Portuguese princess, married Charles II in 1662. She invited her friends at court to take tea with her.

Still, it was a hundred years later when Anna, seventh Duchess of Bedford really began the ritual of Afternoon Tea, in the confines of her chambers. In 1725, taxation of tea was lowered from an exor-

bitant 119 percent to a mere 19 percent. By the 1760s, tea was the most sought-after drink in Britain. Customary Afternoon and High Teas have remained in vogue.

Not everyone makes tea the same. A woman who was visiting from Ireland told me how she makes a "proper tea" and I have since done the same. Starting with a clean china teapot, heat the pot by filling it with very hot water and set aside.

In a teakettle on the stove, heat water just to a rolling boil, then pour it into the warmed pot, over the tea leaves.

Let the tea steep until it reaches the color of mahogany; about four minutes. Cover the pot with a tea cozy or towel to retain the heat.

If you prefer weaker tea, adjust by using less tea or more water. Of course, one can use teabags, but I believe loose tea renders a richer flavor.

Gaining newfound popularity, the custom of taking tea is creating an upsurge of tearooms and restaurants that specialize in serving tea.

Tea drinking being trendy and fashionable, augmented by the health aspect, is the catalyst for staunch coffee-drinkers to become proselytes.

Taking tea enriches our lives and lifts our spirits.

Ellen Herscher is a Farmington Hills resident.

PAINTER

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"Somewhere in Time" is about life and is filled with photos, numbers and calendars amid the paint and is textured with thick brush strokes.

She sold about 20 paintings last year, and some of her works command up to \$2,300 apiece.

Fellwock said it's not uncommon for her to study a piece for hours to judge whether it's complete.

"Doing abstract" is not an easy job, but I love it," she said. "I want my paintings to be happy."

Fellwock's works are part of corporate collections in the metro Detroit area and have been included in several art publications.

"I paint because I have to," she said.

Fellwock received the 1990

Distinguished Service to the Arts Award from the Farmington Area Arts Commission for her service to the Farmington Hills/Farmington community.

She studied art at Oakland Community College, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and the Visual Art Association of Livonia.

She is a longtime member of the Farmington Artists Club, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Michigan Watercolor Society, the Birmingham Society of Women Painters, and is a signature member of the National Acrylic Painter's Association.

The gallery at the Costick is located in the lobby and is open during regular office hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and during special events held at the center.

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Metropolitan and Farmington Single Professionals will hold their 15th annual Halloween Party Friday, Oct. 25 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Novi. Admission is \$10. Call (248) 851-9909.

Hayride/Bonfire
Enjoy a Hayride and Bonfire beginning at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at Sugarbush Farms in Westland. For more details call (248) 851-9909.

Tennis Club Party
Beginners and experienced tennis players can enjoy an evening of fun, exercise, dinner and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Farmington Tennis Club, 22777 Farmington Road. Call (248) 851-9909.

Book Discussion Group
MSP's book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

Volleyball

Drop in and play volleyball 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the gym and fieldhouse at Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quanton Road.

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MSP's play euclere 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday at the Brass Point Inn in Farmington Hills.

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West Side Singles
Friday dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schofield Service Drive, just west of Inkster in Livonia. The dances are open to the public. Doors open from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., 25 years of age and older. Dressy attire required, held in non-smoking ballrooms with a D.J. and budget bar. Admission price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. For information, call Anita at (734) 981-0909.

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