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Hyatt hotel slated for Rock Financial

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Plans are in motion to bring lodging to Rock Financial Showplace's Novi campus in spring 2009.

Novi's Planning Commission made a positive recommendation to city council at last Wednesday's meeting for preliminary site plan approval of the Hyatt Place hotel.

"There were essentially no concerns," said planning commission member Brian Burke. "The hotel

is going between the Rock Financial Showplace and Grand River."

Although it will be called Hyatt Place, the hotel will essentially be owned and operated under the Rock Financial Showplace umbrella.

"Hyatt is a franchise, they brand it and do the marketing, but it will be owned by Titan Hotel Development, LLC, which is an affiliation company with the Showplace," said John Bowen, executive director and general counsel of Rock Financial Showplace.

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The proposed five-story, 132-room Hyatt Place will sit upon 2.5 acres overlooking the wetlands, located south of the existing exposition center.

"It is situated on a piece of property that makes sense because there would be a connection via a sky-walk to the second floor mezzanine of the Rock Financial Showplace," Burke said.

Rock Financial Showplace, which is located off Grand River Avenue, between Taft and Beck roads, has 215,000 square feet of exhibition space, a 20,000-square-foot ballroom and additional conference rooms and meeting space.

"It's (the hotel) always been planned as part of our overall vision of the conference center," Bowen said. "It's something our customers are asking for."

Aside from the benefit a hotel will bring to exhibitors, Bowen said it is an important feature for

weddings and other social events that take place at the Showplace year-round.

"It's certainly a compliment to the Rock Financial Showplace and, flat-out, it just makes sense," Burke said.

Since the proposed hotel will be built on a portion of the existing parking lot, additional spaces will be included on site.

"It's a two-part project," Burke said. "The first part is to increase parking in the northeastern portion of the lot and the second phase is to build the five-story hotel."

Bowen said, when all is said and done, there will be about 2,900 parking spaces on the Rock Financial Showplace property.

"The hope is that we can get that done this fall," he said, with plans to break ground on the hotel in spring 2009.

With planning commission's positive recommendation, the preliminary plans are expected to go before Novi's City Council at the upcoming meeting, 7 p.m. Sept. 8.

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Warm Weather Lingers
Jacob Riggs, 5, wades along the shore of Walled Lake at Lakeshore Park last week, picking up rocks and enjoying his last days of summer freedom before kindergarten.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Diversity unites at Novi Methodist church

English and Korean parish- es share space

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Faith may have brought pastors June Smith and Joonshik Yoo to Novi, but vision is what brought their two congregations together.

"Open hearts, open minds, open doors," said Rev. Smith, 51, who is the pastor at Novi United Methodist Church. "We welcome people from all walks of life, all sexual orientations."

Smith's congregation, which is made up of about 150 people, shares its church, located off 10 Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook Road, with the Amen Korean United Methodist Church.

"Our congregation has looked at this building kind of like a community center," Smith said. "This congregation that I've been called to is very focused on diversity. I think this gives us an opportunity to really live what we've been saying."

The Korean-speaking Methodist church, led and founded by Rev. Yoo, 49, celebrated its five-year anniversary in July.

The congregation currently has about 50 parishioners and worships in the church's Memorial Hall, where the Novi Rotary Club meets.

"There's a good population of Koreans in Novi," Yoo said, not-



The Rev. Joonshik Yoo and the Rev. June Smith share the Novi United Methodist Church on 10 Mile Road.

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ing parishioners travel from surrounding communities such as Canton, Farmington and Walled Lake. "We thought about (owning our own building), but the first thing we needed to do was missionary."

As one of the main denomina-

tions in Korea, Methodism has a large Korean following, and Yoo said the only other Korean-speaking Methodist congregations he knows of nearby are in Troy.

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Twelve Mile Crossing debuts new businesses

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Changes are afoot at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.

The Bamboo Club Asian Bistro closed its doors Aug. 21, posting a red flyer on the front doors citing the closure because "our corporate office has decided to move in a different direction," after five and a half years.

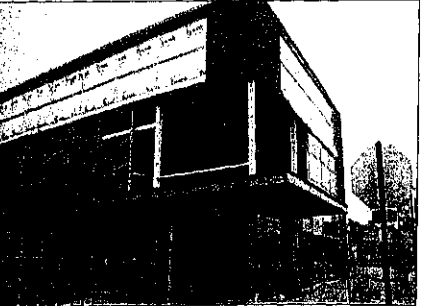
Although The Bamboo Club vacated its venue just a few weeks after Bar Louie Novi opened next door, two new venues are already in the works.

The former Gold's Gym franchise construction is under way on the east end of the complex, near Donelson and West Oaks drives. It will now be called Fusion Health and Fitness Club of Novi, owner Paul Wright said.

"We're looking to come up and create our own franchise. Instead of guys in tank tops, it'll be more for the family and women," he said.

Wright said the Gold's Gym in Ann Arbor and Powerhouse Gym in Saline he also owns would change their franchised names to

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Activity taking place at Novi's Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk includes construction of Fusion Health and Fitness Club.

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For more information about the Senior Variety Series, please contact the Novi Theatres at (248) 735-5615.

Novi Theatres present Damn Yankees!

Calling baseball fans of all ages, "Damn Yankees!" is your chance to step to the plate and become a baseball great like Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle and Billy Martin.

Auditions for the classic production will be held 7-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads.

"Damn Yankees!" is a musical comedy set during the 1950s Major League Baseball season. A long-suffering fan named Joe meets the devil who is looking to make a blockbuster trade. Joe's soul for a chance to become the slugger that his beloved team, The Washington Senators, needs to win the pennant over the New York Yankees.

The story is filled with intrigue, mystery, enduring love and devotion. The show is an All-American as moon's apple pie and baseball. Audition packets are available online and at the Novi Parks office.

Rehearsals begin Sept. 13 and are 7-10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Performances are Nov. 7-16.

For more information about auditions or the show, please contact the Novi Theatres at (248) 735-5615 or visit cityofnovi.org.

Retirement community partners with charities

Retirement Communities, developer and manager of Fox Run in Novi has created formal partnerships with three national charitable organizations - the Alzheimer's Association, American Diabetes Association and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Erickson is now launching an internal communications campaign to inform its 35,000 residents and staff about these three "mission partners," and to garner volunteer and charitable support. In addition, Erickson will hold fundraising events on a regular basis to support these organizations. The mission partners were selected based on existing relationships with Erickson residents and staff, and the potential for future collaborative projects.

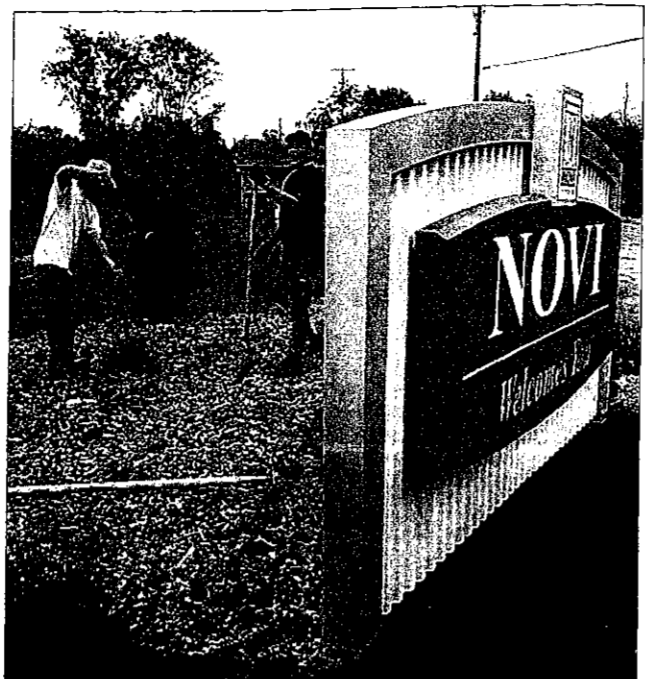


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Act fast to enjoy "Remember When... The Game Show of the Century," presented by the City of Novi. The annual Novi Theatres production is always a fan favorite as 50 prime time performers have been rehearsing throughout the summer, getting ready to dazzle audience members with songs from days gone by.

Tunes such as "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "Stomp in the Name of Love" are just two of the songs that will be featured. Audience members will also have a chance to compete in a trivia contest for the winning prize.

There are a limited number of tickets still available for both the luncheon and matinee performances.

Luncheon performances:
• Noon Thursday, Sept. 11, \$20
• Noon Friday, Sept. 12, \$20
• Noon Saturday, Sept. 13, \$20

Matinee performances:
• 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, \$15
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Two broads abroad

Novi's Kathy Crawford writes book of humor and adventure

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Laughter filled the Sapphire Ballroom of Rock Financial Showplace last week as Novi City Councilwoman and long-time resident Kathy Crawford and friend Karen Schwarcw entertained guests with a preview of "Two Broads Abroad," the autobiographical story of their journey through the United Kingdom.

"This book is about two friends who are very different yet very similar, and who are looking for adventure and humor," Crawford, 66, said. "Both of us see humor in all sorts of unusual places."

Although Crawford and Schwarcw, 55, said the five-week trip abroad was in search of people who looked like them, the overall experience will inspire

people to live for the out-of-the-ordinary adventures.

"We like to encourage people to live their dream," Crawford said. "Life is without a doubt uncertain. I want to live a life that matters and leave behind a legacy."

Crawford and Schwarcw, who have referred to themselves as such throughout their 30 years of friendship, penned the 30-chapter book after traveling to the United Kingdom in April 2004.

"From the very beginning, we called each other Schwarcw and Crawford," Schwarcw said. "I don't really know why, but it just sort of fit."

Crawford, who is the narrator of the book, charmed more than 60 attendees of the book launch luncheon Aug. 27 while reading the pre-departure chapter "To Go or Not To Go ... That is the Question."

"That room was just full of stories and I find that so energizing," she said.

The book features humorous chapter titles such as "Kin I Put You Doggie?," "Walk a Mile in My Orthopedics" and "Let's not Dawdle in Dingle."

"Kathy's always so exciting to

listen to. I can't wait to read about her travels," said Novi resident Anne Kohut. "She's an inspiration to all of us."

Kohut, who is a member of the Providence Community Advisory Committee with Crawford, believes the story of two ladies going off on their own adventures will be a great selection for her Novi-Northville Book Club.

Kohut, along with the majority of last Wednesday's attendees, lined up to pre-order the highly anticipated comical book, which Schwarcw said was rewritten five times.

"I can't wait to read the book," said Jodi Capello, Novi resident and wife of Novi Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello. "Kathy is the most hysterical person I've ever met in my life."

Crawford said close to 80 copies of the book were sold at last week's launch and anticipates "Two Broads Abroad" will hit Web sites and stores in October.

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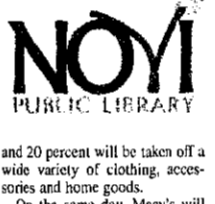
Authors and travel buddies Karen Schwarcw, left, and Kathy Crawford took their colorful tales of overseas adventures to last Wednesday's Novi Town Hall lecture series at Rock Financial Showplace. The pair was promoting their book, "Two Broads Abroad."

Macy's 'Shop for the Cause' benefits the Novi Public Library

Area residents will have the opportunity next week to shop at Macy's and raise money for the Novi Public Library.

For Macy's "Shop for the Cause" program, shoppers buy a \$5 shopping pass at the Novi Public Library, then take it to the Macy's store at Two Oaks Mall Sunday, Sept. 20, and receive savings of 10-20 percent on most merchandise in the store, including sale items.

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The Library receives 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the passes.

Passes are available at the library during regular library hours and additional passes will be sold at Macy's Saturday, Sept. 6.

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Damn Yankees Auditions TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Public Information Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 W. 10 Mile Road

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Adult Book Discussion Group
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion. Bring a bag lunch, check library for current book selection. Sept. 16 - "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte.
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Friday of every month
Learning Together
TIME: 10:30 a.m.-noon
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 9
DETAILS: Free program conducted by Oakland County Great Parents, Great Start. Activities include stories, songs, music and movement addressing child development, physical abilities, communication, relationships, sense of self and environment and more. Learn activities to do at home. Also parenting discussions. Register by calling Jean Jacque at (248) 209-2519.

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LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday
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Museum Adventure Pass
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ESL Cafe
TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every

Thursday
DETAILS: Coffee and conversation. Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English. No tests; instructor help; free.
CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desk.

NOVI SENIORS

Novi Senior Activities Center
LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414
Massage by appointment: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday
Thursday
9-11 a.m.: Line Dance
Noon: Lunch
12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge
Friday
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
10 a.m.: Body Recall
11 a.m.: Medicare with Jack
Noon: Lunch
12:30 p.m.: Dupe! Bridge
1 p.m.: Bingo
Monday
8:30 a.m.: Golf League Fun Day/Banquet
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
10 a.m.: Body Recall
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Educational Programs Series at Performing Arts Center
11 a.m.: Cholesterol Awareness, Kelly Kessler, Sav-On Drugs
Noon: Lunch
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Tuesday
8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread
9-11:00 a.m.: Line Dance
10 a.m.: Asian Pacific
Noon: Lunch
12:30-3 p.m.: Focus Hope/ TERAP Distribution
1 p.m.: Bingo in Activities

Room
1-3 p.m.: Ask the Lawyer by appt.
Wednesday
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
10:30 a.m.: Quilling
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CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

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LOCATION: 41000 W. 13 Mile Road
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CONTACT: Please call (248) 926-5200 for additional information on the community's apartment homes. For general information, call (248) 668-8610.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church; 24505 Meadowbrook Road

DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is available; registration required.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

Bereavement Support Group
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center; 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; no fee.

MOMS Club of Novi East (Moms east of Novi Road)
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first

Wednesday of every month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: MOMS Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes. Multiple activities planned monthly.
CONTACT: khanson13@hotmail.com or (248) 504-7736

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TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Buy, sell and trade antique arms. Club members get in at 8 a.m. Cost is \$5, ages 12 and under are free. \$5 parking.

Send your calendar items to Novi News: 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101; Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832 or e-mail to vernitchel@gannett.com.

Young drummer connected to Novi entertainment firm



Julian Pavone, 4, who is billed as the world's youngest drummer, was invited back stage to meet members of Earth, Wind & Fire after the band's July 27 concert at DTE Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston. Pictured with Pavone are, from left, Verdine White, bass; Philip Bailey, lead vocals; John Paris, drums; and Ralph Johnson, vocals and percussion.

By Pam Fleming
Julian is currently the youngest recorded drummer and youngest endorsee of Vic Firth Drumsticks, the largest drumstick manufacturer in the world. He's also the youngest endorsee with Sabian Cymbals and is an unofficial endorsee with Remo Drumheads. He has a private label — a company called Julian Drums, which is part of the Innovation Drum Company.
One of Julian's instructors, Steve Badalament, said Firth was taken with the young drummer when he met him.
"Julian is a really coming together," Badalament said. "He's not just a pretty face. He's not just a young kid who communicates well, and he just bawls me. We're just pointing him in the right direction. He's integrating it all!"
Badalament believes Julian came onto the music and entertainment scene at the right time.
"Julian's getting calls from people in Hollywood and New York. He's really coming together," Badalament said. "Julian's Band includes Anthony Fondale, 12, on keyboard; Vincent Fondale, 8, lead vocals; Alexis Shook, 11, on bass guitar; Alex Raz, 11, on lead guitar; and, of course, Julian on drums.
For more information about Harmonie Network, go to www.harmonietwork.com.
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Art, music begins tomorrow at First Friday Walk event

By Pam Fleming
The world's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk will feature everything from the world's youngest drummer to photography and memorable artwork.
At Sherris Gallery of Fine Art at 133 W. Main St. in Northville Square, 4-year-old Julian Pavone of Bloomfield Hills will perform with multi-media artist Rocky Seprino.
The young musician, who will appear on a rebroadcast segment of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" at 4 p.m. today, will perform from 7:15-8 p.m. during the 6-9 p.m. event at Winfrey. Seprino will also offer video and paint live at the gallery.
During this unique display of performance art, guests will be able to enjoy wine provided by the Stouffer's Bistro in Brighton at the conclusion of the exhibit.
Pavone, who has made headlines around the world, has appeared on 23 television shows, including "Good Morning America," "Martha Stewart Living," "Inside Edition," and Japan's "midsize edition" television show, "Amazing Stars."
Pavone started in the television pilot "Finding Julian's Band" and was featured in a Korean documentary produced by Seoul Broadcasting Systems in 2007. He has performed live on numerous radio stations and for many concert venues including the House of Blues. He has performed for the Detroit Pistons, the Detroit Tigers and the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Cleveland Indians and the Chicago Cubs VIP Season Opener Party. Pavone was also featured with the United Dreading at the opening ceremonies of the 2006 Cleveland Grand Prix.
In addition to full artist endorsements from Innovation Drum, Sabian Cymbal and Vic Firth drumstick companies, he has inspired a series of children's books, as well as the formation of Harmonie Network.
He was featured in "Ripley's Believe it or Not," was honored at the Hard Rock Cleveland with the "The 2007 Rock and Roll Lifetime Achievement Award," received a Special Declaration of Tribute from the State of Michigan and has received worldwide media coverage.
He is currently working on his second concert disc with Fourtime Grammy Award winning producer, Michael J. Powell.
This is going to be an amazing event for the gallery," said Sherri Mehra, owner. "Rocky brings so many artistic elements together to create a total sensory experience for the viewer."
Having the young drumming sensation Julian Pavone perform will truly make this event an exceptional treat.
Sponsors of the event also include Stonefire Bistro and Harmonie Network of Novi, Drum instructor Steve Badalament will also display a drum he built for former Beatles drummer Ringo Starr.
Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday; and by appointment only Monday.

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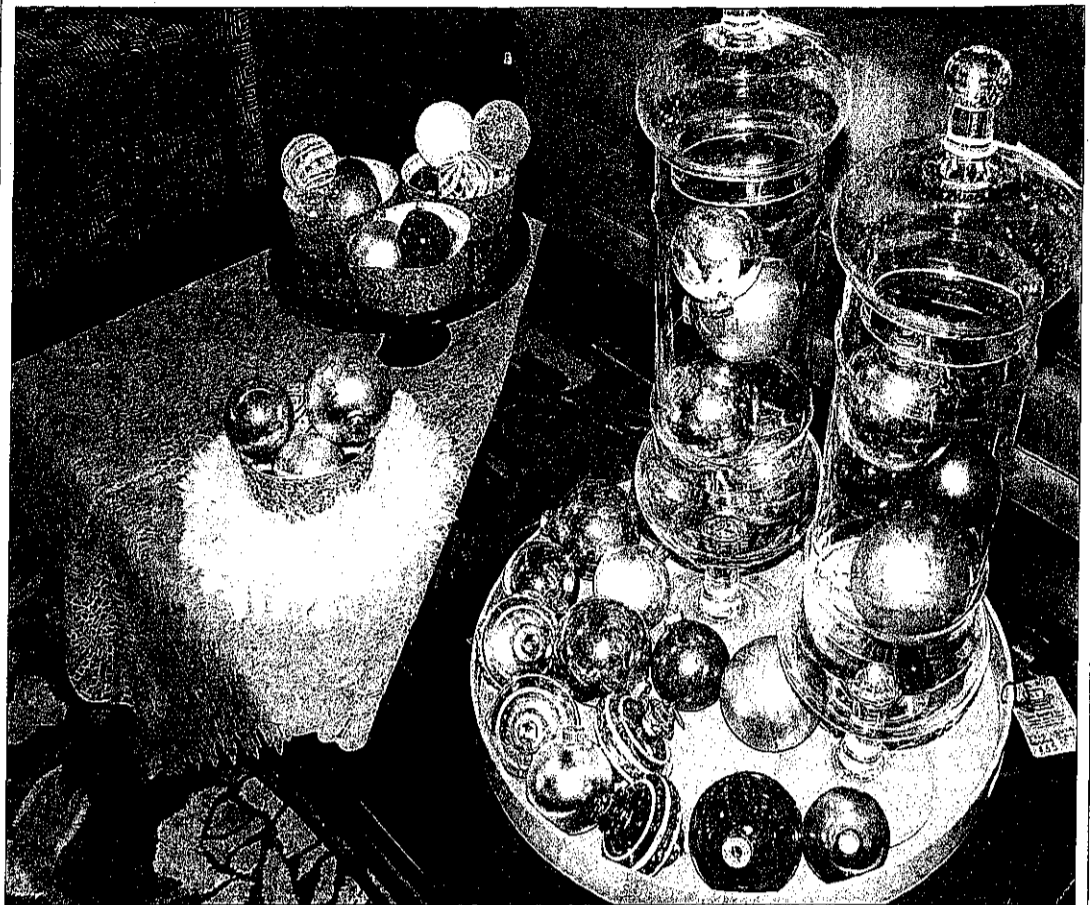


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Accessories are an important part of any room design and this is just one of many examples at Your Nesting Place.

One Of A Kind

Turn your house into a home at Your Nesting Place

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

At Your Nesting Place in Milford, no two things are alike. And that is what owner Chris Meredith is very proud of. Chris has taken her design studio and furniture into a realm unlike any other store. In fact, it is hard to compare other stores to Your Nesting Place because there are none like it.

"We are a non-traditional furniture store," Chris said. "My specialty is creating vintage furniture that is one-of-a-kind for my customers."

Chris, who went to school for interior design, combines her flair for creativity and originality in each piece she creates — sometimes using those same furniture pieces and accessories to enhance a unique design which she has created using her knowledge of popular interior design trends and adhering to customer preferences.

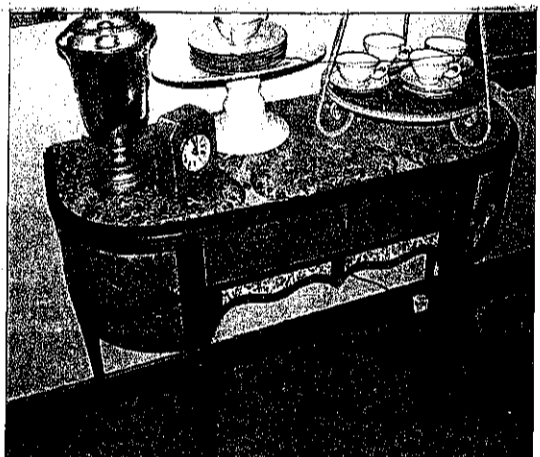
"We can mix old, traditional, and modern furniture to create a special and unique look," she said. And, to coin a phrase, she "breaks the mold" as soon as she finishes each creation. "If I design something for a customer, I will not use that same design for anyone else. People don't want their neighbors to have the same look."

Chris has several sources where she finds her furniture and accessories and from those pieces, she creates an "eclectic mix" of fabrics, textures, colors, and styles.

But Your Nesting Place is not just a mix of original creations by Chris; the store is a Flexsteel furniture dealer — a trusted and recognized name in the custom furniture business. In fact, from Sept. 25 to Oct. 7, customers ordering custom Flexsteel products through Your Nesting Place will receive 40 percent off the entire order. More information can be found at www.flexsteel.com.

Although Chris can almost always be

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At Your Nesting Place, an old table takes on a new life when it is adorned with color and fabric.

found in her store at 332 N. Main St. in downtown Milford, she is also out and about finding furniture and delivering finished products. One part of her business that is growing and keeping her "on the road" is her in-house interior design service. Chris enjoys visiting with customers and suggesting creative ways to decorate their homes. And she is very proud of her honest reputation.

"First of all, I try to use what the people have in their home," she said. "I can bring in new pieces but sometimes the room may not need new furniture, what is already there can be moved around to create a different look."

"I am honest and will tell people what looks good. After all, it is my name on the finished job."

It is no wonder that some customers will like one room designed by Chris so much they will ask her to design other rooms in the house. Then the word spreads to the family and friends of the customer and also throughout the neighborhood. A big portion of Your Nesting Place's business comes through word of mouth.

But when you do find Chris in the store — where she usually is — she is busy working on furniture pieces or rearranging the look of the store. In other words, customers can see

something new and different every day. Floor displays are continuously evolving with an array of distinctive merchandise.

As Chris notes at her Web site — www.yournestingplace.com — "Today you may find a funky art deco accent. Tomorrow a French country inspired lamp or an elegant rug. Whatever it is, it will always be unique and exciting eclectic, not stuffy. If it's not fun, what's the point? Life is too short for beige!"

If you ask Chris how to describe her products, she would have a tough time finding a better word than "unique." But that other word is out there somewhere. "This is not a traditional furniture store or a consignment

shop selling used furniture," she said. "We don't fit into any mold."

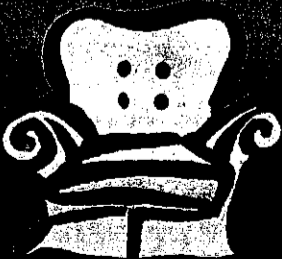
And Your Nesting Place doesn't fit into any "pricey" mold, either. Chris said her prices are very reasonable because she shops for the best bargain furniture and creates the custom designs herself. Why? Because she loves what she does.

"We do a lot of extras for our customers because they know we will take care of them," she said. "My job is what I like to do. Even if I didn't own a store I'd be out collecting and creating."

Fortunately she does own a store and it is called Your Nesting Place.

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