

Welcome Mat

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Sherwin-Williams offers enhanced paint line that helps promote better indoor air quality

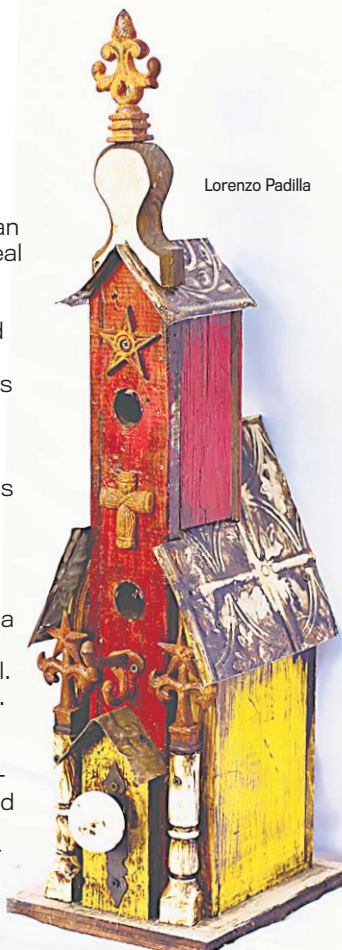


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Sherwin-Williams is introducing an enhanced version of its Harmony Paint this month, which helps promote better indoor air quality by reducing airborne concentrations of formaldehyde and other aldehydes. The enhanced formula uses technology that helps reduce the levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from potential sources such as insulation, carpet, and cabinets. Enhanced Harmony Paint, available in flat and egg-shell, will start at \$48.99 for flat. A semi-gloss is due this summer.

Rustic birdhouses crafted from recycled pine and cedar

Lorenzo Padilla was an accountant whose real passion was wood-working. So when accounting didn't add up, according to his website, he turned his passion into his livelihood. Now a birdhouse artist, Padilla, based in Houston, has been making rustic birdhouses out of recycled cedar and pine for 20 years. All handcrafted by Padilla himself, they have almost a fairytale feel. They start at \$149.99. Locally, they can be found at Palm Beach Patio Furniture in Waterford, 7350 Highland Road. Visit lorenzowoodworks.com/ for information.



Lorenzo Padilla



Chilewich

Chilewich's new spring/summer collection offers array of shag utility mats

Chilewich's new spring/summer collection has a wide array of shag indoor/outdoor mats that are both sleek yet functional. Available in a variety of colors and sizes, including runners, doormats and utility size, these all-vinyl mats are mold, mildew and chlorine resistant and easy to clean. They're a good fit for entryways, balconies and pool areas. Prices range from \$45 to \$150, depending on the size. They can be found locally at Bright Ideas, 220 S. Main Street, in Royal Oak; call (248) 541-0374. Visit chilewich.com for more information.

Art Van offers free design classes at Novi store

Are you eager to give your home a new look, but aren't sure what your decorating style is, let alone where to start? Art Van is offering a series of free design classes this month at its Novi store that could help. Art Van's visual design experts will show participants how to determine their personal decorating styles by translating inspiration into cohesive room designs during this three-class series. The class starts Tuesday and will continue April 16 and 23 at the Novi store; they're also being offered at Art Van's Ann Arbor store. Space is limited, so register right away at artvan.com/events or by calling (888) 619-2199.



Art Van

Gardening seminars offered at this year's Novi Home & Garden Show

Gardeners seeking answers for why a certain plant just won't bloom or why another died may want to check out the Novi Home & Garden Show this weekend at the Suburban Collection Showplace, where the show's Green Thumb Theatre will present a series of gardening seminars. Don Engbretson, the Renegade Gardener who has appeared on HGTV and writes for Better Homes & Gardens, will be featured. Topics include Crafting Cool & Creative Containers; Common Gardening Myths and the Mayhem They Create; and Top 10 Gardening & Landscaping Blunders – and How to Avoid Them. There will also be blacksmithing demonstrations at this year's show, an indoor arts show and a perennial sale. The Novi Home & Garden Show kicks off at 2 p.m. today and runs until 9 p.m. It continues 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$7 for seniors; and kids 12 and under are free.

Tree Huggers offers customized plaques perfect for tree dedications

Earth Day and Michigan's Arbor Day are just around the corner – April 22 and 26 respectively – and a Bloomfield Hills company has a unique way to dedicate a tree in a very personal way. Tree Huggers makes customized stainless steel plaques with tension springs that grow as the tree grows. They can be purchased individually or in a larger quantity with up to four lines of text to commemorate an event, honor a memory, or celebrate someone or something. Tree Huggers were placed on the newly planted trees in the memorial park at Ground Zero in New York after 9/11. The cost is \$54.95; allow 10 days for custom engraving and shipping. Go to bighugllc.com for details or call (248) 594-1560.



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On the cover

Cynthia Trevino Bodene's 2012 "There's Magic in Moonlight" quilt is among the stunning creations by members of Running With Scissors, a fiber artists' group. More on fabric and fiber art on 10H.