

Modern Craft Enthusiasts Outdo Grandma; Show Opens

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New York — A woman sticks to her knitting. Also to her weaving, crocheting, rug-hooking, tatting, quilting, and a hundred other hobbies which fill her spare time.

At the rate she is going, she will outdo grandma, and grandma was no slouch. She reared a big family, did all the housework and still found time to knit socks and crochet antimacassars.

"Look at what has happened to weaving," said Mrs. Leo Feinberg, who is coordinating the 34th Annual Women's International Exposition, which opened today at the 71st Regiment Armory. "It is an ancient craft, in a fantastic new vogue. Women are weaving skirts, suit and dress fabrics, baby crib covers, pictures, draperies, couch covers. One woman even has woven a room divider."

"All this on a hand loom, mind you. This year we are giving four times as much space to weaving entries as we did last year."

Half The Gals Crochet

The other handicrafts are doing right well. Mrs. Feinberg, who has been with the exposition since 1940, said at least 50 per cent of the nation's adult female population does crochet. Almost as many knit. Some women are skilled at three or four types of needlework.

She isn't sure where they find the time, considering that some 22 million hold outside jobs.

Satisfies Creative Urge

"But there are three good reasons handicrafts will go on and on," she said. "They satisfy our creative urge. Take me, I'm a knitter. I can go out and buy a sweater for my grandson for \$5. It will take me several hours to knit one and I will spend just as much money. But I get more pleasure out of seeing him wear what I made."

"Doing something with our hands calms our nerves better than tranquilizing pills."

"And I do think most of us women deep down want to keep alive the arts and skills our grandmothers knew."

For most women, their handicraft is a hobby, although a few have turned it into a money-maker, she added.

No Age Limit

Women from 8 to 80 are included in the more than 5,000 showing their work at the current exposition, which runs until November 10.

Youngest exhibitor is 8-year-old Gabriela De Ganges, of Encino, Calif., who with her brother,

Raoul, 9, is showing various gift items made of shells. One of the oldest is Miss Mary O'Brien, 80, of the Bronx, an embroidery expert.

A star attraction of the show is the "Rug-O-Rama," consisting of 450 hand-made rugs including a "one world" design by a travel-minded Long Island, N. J., housewife, Mrs. Ingrid McBrien, featured a 9-by-15-foot hooked rug which has been years in the making. I couldn't count the hours.

Scout Workshop To Be Wednesday

An arts and crafts workshop, for all Intermediate Girl Scout leaders of the Medford district, will be held Wednesday, November 6, starting at 9:30 a.m. and running until 2 p.m., at St. Mark's Guild hall, Fifth and Oakdale avenue. The program will center about the dabbler badge, which is designed to lead into work in many badges, including art, ceramics, wood, metal, basketry and weaving, stencil printing, and puppets and peepshows or dioramas.

Demonstrations will include making a fish or animal form from wire; cutting out a basket bottom on a jigsaw and drilling the holes for the spokes; making a hurricane lamp out of tin; and demonstrating how to make a pinch pot out of clay. The instructors will be volunteer hobbyists. One instructor will demonstrate puppet making.

Installation Held By Grandmothers

Retirement of 1957 officers and installation of the new officers was held at a meeting of Rogue Grandmothers' club at the home of Mrs. C. R. Alexander, 110 Almond street, October 28. Luncheon was followed by the business session.

Mrs. Olaf Severson conducted the ceremonies and also presented Mrs. Clayton Walker her past president's pin. Twenty-seven members attended.

New officers seated were Mrs. Rex Note, president; Mrs. J. B. Carr, first vice-president; Mrs. Fred L. Ryde, second vice-president; Mrs. Grace Kurz, secretary; Mrs. O. L. Gaston, treasurer; Mrs. Bessie Young, chaplain.

Mrs. Walker reported on the national convention.

Paper stuck to wood can be removed by letting a few drops of oil soak into it. Then rub off gently with a clean cloth.

Interest Grows In Charm School For Girl Scouts

The charm school to be held November 9, for all Intermediate Girl Scouts and their leaders of the Rogue Valley area, will be in the Roosevelt school gymnasium due to the large enrollment. Hours are 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon. At present over three hundred girls have signified their desire to attend the sessions.

The first session will deal with hair care and styling and make-up, with Mrs. Eloise Logan as special consultant; nutrition and dental care and hygiene, with Dr. Raymond W. McNair, orthodontist, as dental consultant; and Mrs. Blanche Frisbie, acting as nutritional consultant. An educational film, "Gateway to Health," showing the need for better eating habits to promote better dental hygiene, will also be shown.

Senior Girl Scouts will assist with the program at each session, including ushering. Other sessions will be held December 14, January 11, and February 8; on March 17 a graduation party will be held for those who have attended all sessions of the school.

Subjects to be covered at subsequent sessions will be good posture, and physical fitness; etiquette, hostessing, introductions, conversation, how to make friends; what to wear for any occasion and a fashion show.

Other professional people will give time to serve as special consultants for each session. The school was planned by Mrs. Raymond Reter and Mrs. Al Cararra of the Girl Scout program committee.

Stamp Club Session Set for Saturday

Two members will be on the program for a meeting of Southern Oregon Stamp club Thursday, November 7, at 8 p.m., in Room 2, Girls' Community club. Mrs. Mamie Bloomfield will speak on "Oddities in Stamps and Envelopes," and Mrs. Eric De Place will display and speak on a part of her collection, "United States History on Stamps." She will describe the pages in the collection having to do with Oregon Territory, which originally included Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and part of Montana and Wyoming.

Anyone interested in stamp collecting or in Oregon history will be welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served following the meeting, which will conclude with "stamp swapping and talk."

Thirteen Fast-Moving Acts Make Up 1957 League Follies

Thirteen fast-moving acts make up the 1957 Follies which Medford Junior Service league will present Wednesday and Thursday, November 6 and 7, on the stage of the Craterian theater. The show will raise money for the league's kindergarten for hard-of-hearing children.

Scene I will be "Follies Showtime" and will feature the Top Hatters, ladies and gentlemen of the chorus, Crater Cuties and Medfordettes. Scene II is entitled merely "What?" and has Sam Richardson, Frank Hopewell and R. B. Thierolf in the cast. The following scene features the George Lewises, and Scene IV, entitled "A Brush with Bill," present Angus Bowmer and Richard Graham, actors from the Oregon Shakespearean festival company.

Billed for Act II are "Caribbean Capers," "What, Again?", "Around the World," an act sponsored by Crater Lake Motors, "Paradise Isle," "Check Apron Ball," "Snow Scene by Currier and Ives," "Flings," "Beautiful Babies," "Calling Uncle Sputnik," "That's Entertainment," "Precision Personified" and the closing scene "And Now Goodbye."

The show is directed by Robert Stevens of the Carill company, New York. Mrs. Harvey Field is musical director, Bill Patton is the lighting technician and Allan Hunt designed the program cover.

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. each night and tickets are on sale at Purucker's Piano House. The Music Mart, Swem's and Barker's, or may be bought at the door.

Townsendites Note Member Increase

Medford Townsend club has grown to more than 80 members at the present. A goal of 200 members by next year has been set according to Albert Kissinger, publicity chairman.

The next meeting, November 6 will be conducted by the Ladies' auxiliary.

A Halloween party was well attended last Wednesday and three members were awarded gifts for the best answers to "Tell-A-Fortune" guessing game. Refreshments were served after a program of songs and accordion music. Violin and piano music was furnished for dancing. Townsend clubs meet every Wednesday for a covered dish luncheon.

Visitors are always welcome at all meetings.

Party Set

Wenonah club will hold a public card party at ReRdman hall Thursday, Nov. 7, commencing at 11:30 p.m. Bridge, pinocchio and canasta will be played. The usual luncheon and business meeting scheduled for this time will be held at a later date.

Butte Falls Unit To Hold Meeting

Butte Falls — Butte Falls Home Extension unit will meet Thursday, November 7, at the home of Mrs. Ted Fredenburg. The lesson will be on "Credit Buying."

CALENDAR

Monday:
7 p.m. — Chapter CG, PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. E. L. Bartholomew, 2635 Hillcrest ave.
7:45 p.m. — Westminster guild. First Presbyterian church parlors.
8 p.m. — Alpha Lambda chapter, Epsilon Alpha sorority, 123 Oak st., Central Point.
8 p.m. — Chapter BE, PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. George B. Canode and Mrs. Arthur Warnock, 1716 Crown ave.
8 p.m. — Knights of Pythias, Pythian bldg.
8 p.m. — Olive Rebekah lodge, Odd Fellows hall.
8 p.m. — St. Mary's Grade school Parents' club, activities room.
8 p.m. — VFW auxiliary, dance at Camp White.

Tuesday:
10 a.m. — 9 p.m. — Methodist International bazaar, at church.
10:30 a.m. — Reese Creek Extension unit, home of Mrs. James L. Duncan, Ball rd.
12:30 p.m. — Medford Lady Elks, ladies party lounge, Elks Temple.
1 p.m. — Central Point, Royal Neighbors, home of Mrs. Ray Allred, 2649 Cornell ave., Central Point.
1:30 p.m. — Gold Star Mothers, courthouse auditorium.
1:30 p.m. — Oak Grove Neighborhood club, home of Mrs. Orval Shores, Pumice lane.

Don't clean a mop or duster by banging it against a surface. Twirl the handle of the mop or duster in a steady motion. This will free more dirt and prevent damage to the cleaning tool.

More Cotton Prints Gaining Favor as Decorative Fabric

Cotton prints are challenging solid-color cottons for the leading role in decorative fabrics. Prints in sharp, clean patterns have been gaining new popularity throughout the country in recent months, according to trade reports.

Solids have enjoyed the leading position for the past four years. Fabric manufacturers explain that it is easier to coordinate a single color in a room setting than to decorate with a pattern that may include several different colors.

New fabric collections, however, feature simplified prints, especially monotonous and two-color patterns, that are easy to coordinate with other decorative elements.

When meat balls, meat loaf or burgers are on your menu, try substituting robust California "rosso" or other red table wine for the liquid used in the meat mixture. This fine seasoning adds moistness and good flavor, and blends with any ingredient you might use in your own special recipe.

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