

# Craft shop to offer Christmas workshop

by Rhonda Snider  
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Want your Christmas presents to have a personal touch this year? Make them yourself. The MSC Craft Center is offering one-day Christmas handcraft workshops where students can complete one item and learn the basic skills needed to complete other projects.

The center took a random survey of students to find out what type of workshops they would be interested in taking. Patricia Garrison, assistant su-

pervisor of the center, says. The classes offered are the result of the survey.

The teachers are lecturers from the center, Garrison said, not University professors. Most of the teachers are members of the local Artist's Guild.

"We try to find people who are the best in their field to teach the workshops," Garrison said.

This is the second year the center has offered a series of Christmas workshops. This year's response is already greater than it was last year, she said.

Those interested in taking a

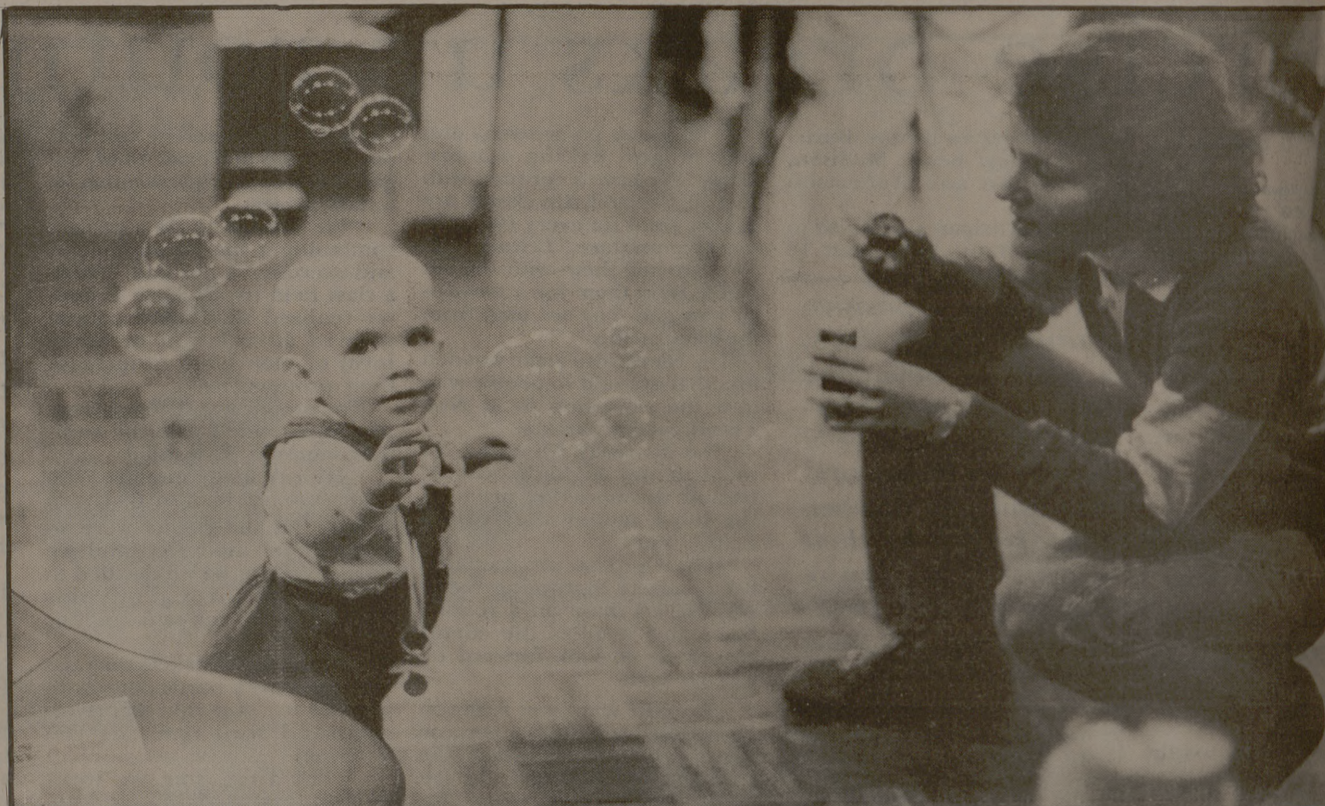
class may register until the day before the class, Garrison said. However, the classes are filling up fast, so Garrison advises signing up as soon as possible.

Student can register in the basement of the Memorial Student Center or by calling the office at 845-1631. MSC Craft Center hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.,

Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Most of the craft classes are held in the evenings.

Classes offered next week are: bread dough art, cross-stitch ornaments, cutting boards, etched ornaments, holiday calligraphy, jewelry boxes, needle-point ornaments, pinecone wreaths, silk flowers, stained glass ornaments, stockings, wooden puzzles and wooden toys.

Fees for the workshops range from \$4 for wooden toys to \$10 for jewelry boxes. Non-student fees are \$1 more than the student fees. All workshop supplies are included in the class fee.



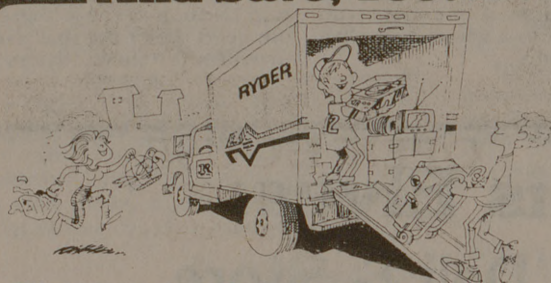
Bubbles for Baby

Cindi Tackitt, Bama

Meagan Mickelsen, a senior animal science major from Port Neches, blows soap bubbles to entertain Natalie Thomas in Rudder

Tower Thursday morning during the craft sale. Natalie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Thomas from College Station.

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## 'Adopt a Grandparent'

by Karen Hoefle  
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Although Charlie Villarreal never had any children, he still looks forward to his weekly visits from his granddaughter, Betty Epps.

Villarreal, an 81-year-old resident of the Crestview Retirement Center, is a participant in the "Adopt a Grandparent" program sponsored by Student Y.

Epps discovered the program at Fish Camp.

About 30 people attended the program's first meeting in September 1982 at Crestview, Epps says. There, the Center's activity director, Janet deGuzman, passed around a list of residents' names.

"I looked over the list and Charlie's name just seemed to pop out at me," Epps said. "After that, I went and introduced myself to Charlie and told him that he was my grandpa. He accepted me right away." "I try to visit Charlie every

week or at least every other week," she said. "If for some reason I can't make it out there, then I send him a card or call just to let him know why I couldn't be there."

The relationship is a unique one — and other nursing facilities haven't had as much success with the program.

"Maybe the lack of interest is due to the fact that the program requires a lot of time and attention," deGuzman said. "It take a person who realizes it's like a job — it takes consistency and dedication."

The center and Student Y are giving the program a second chance, deGuzman said. It began again in September of this year and about 20 residents have been adopted.

Once an individual has adopted a grandparent, it's up to them to keep the relationship going, deGuzman said.

Sandra Fledge, activity director of the Sherwood Health Care Facility, said the program is a good idea.

"Especially now since Christmas is near," she said. "It's important for these people to have someone around who can give them something to them."

Candida Lutes, professor of psychology and associate of the College of Liberal Arts, says that in general she has a good idea of the program.

"The hesitation is, if you're a college student with a job, it's hard to find time to spend with a person in a nursing home," she said. "The college student isn't too serious about it and just wants that's just one more job that person's life — and not healthy," Lutes said.

On the other hand, the program can be advantageous for the nursing home. Lutes said. "Activities should be planned and students must be encouraged to follow through with the program," she said.

"You know what's real about the whole thing," she said. "It's when he (Villarreal) introduces me to a friend and I'd like you to meet Betty, my granddaughter."

## Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Thursday:

### THEFTS:

A blue 10-speed bicycle from

the Zachry Engineering Center bike rack.

A green 10-speed bicycle from the front of the Chemistry Building.

A brown 10-speed bicycle

from the Blocker Building rack.

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