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H B L O O K O U T

FISH HABITAT

Joey Skaggs, a maverick in the art world, had been designing miniature rooms when suddenly he was struck by their resemblance to fish tanks. Diving into the new art terrain, he created aquariums with living rooms, beach scenes, even cathedrals



(for angel fish, perhaps). His kitchen tank (above) boasts a coffee urn, bubble gum machine, dishwasher and pet dog. Wallpaper and windows (note the spider-webbed pane) are applied to the outside of the tank. All furniture is non-toxic. Considered art pieces, these tanks are \$1,500 each, but your fish may find more affordable furnishings in the future when Mr. Skaggs wraps up his plan to mass-market an underwater furniture kit. Write: Joey Skaggs, 107 Waverly Pl., New York, NY 10011.

SHOW HOUSE CALENDAR

California: This year's Pasadena Showcase House of Design has a spectacular setting in a c. 1920 Italian Renaissance villa at 455 Bradford St. Sponsored by the Pasadena Junior Philharmonic Committee, it runs from April 15 to May 13. **Louisiana:** A plantation home at 2340 Prytania St. in

New Orleans's garden district is the site of Decorator Showhouse IV, organized by the Junior League of New Orleans, March 25 to April 15. **Ohio:** Cincinnati's top designers and its historic Gilbert-Sinton district will be spotlighted in the 1984 Designers' Showcase, set in six renovated row houses. Sponsored by the Cincinnati Opera Guild and the ASID, it runs April 1 to 22. **South Carolina:** From March 24 to April 17, the Historic Charleston Foundation is offering walking tours, by day and by candlelight, of Charleston's magnificent homes and gardens.

EVENTS

Crafts scene: One of the best places to buy contemporary handmade wares is the Washington (D.C.) Craft Show, April 27 to 29. In its second year, it's gaining a reputation as one of the country's top juried shows. • While in the capital don't miss the Renwick's exhibit, "Harvey K. Littleton," 100 works by the man who pioneered contemporary glass blowing, March 30 to Sept. 3. • Discover how clay is being stretched to new, artistic heights in "Directions in Contemporary American Ceramics," through June 3 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. **Furniture forefront:** Chairs and tables as contemporary art are examined in "Furniture, Furnishings: Subject and Object," through June 27 at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art in Providence. • In a landmark move, the Baker Furniture Co. has donated its excellent collection of antiques to the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Art Museum for a just-opened design wing. Compiled as a study group for craftsmen, the collection has exemplary pieces covering six centuries. **Pastoral views:** Turn-of-the-century American impressionist William Merritt Chase, who painted seascapes from his

Stanford White summer house on Long Island, is the subject of a retrospective at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC, through June 3.

HOT STUFF

Until the radiator brought about their demise, beautifully tiled stoves heated many a wealthy Swedish home very efficiently. Lined with brick, they retained and radiated heat, requiring infrequent stoking. Though scarce, we've uncovered a source: Lynn Barking, who imports turn-of-the-century factory-made Swedish stoves such as the 1895 Art Nouveau one illustrated below (see also page 94). Each is unique, in working order and priced from \$3,000 to \$6,000. For a brochure, write Mrs. Barking at Box 155, 215 Godwin Ave., Midland Park, NJ 07432.



FAN FARE

Most fans need about a foot of space between the ceiling and the blades to circulate air properly, but not the new Low-Profile (above) from Hunter. Engineered to mount flush on a ceiling, it will cool rooms only eight feet high and circulate warmth in winter—its motor reverses to force hot air down. With walnut blades, it's \$129 from Hunter, Div. Robbins & Myers, 2500 Frisco Ave., Memphis, TN 38114.

LOUISIANA LOWDOWN

The Louisiana World Exposition opens May 12 for a six-month run. The theme is water and its infinite benefits to man. • The cruise plying the Mississippi that will offer the most family fun: The "Children's Zoo Cruise" on the paddle-wheeler *Cotton Blossom*. • Visit one of New Orleans's most beautiful residential quarters, Bayou St. John. • Get a lunch table at **Ga-latoire's** before 11:30 or after 2:30 for the best seafood in town, or try **K-Paul's** whose chef, Paul Prudhomme, has just published his cookbook, *Louisiana Kitchen* (Morrow, \$20). • How about **Chez Helene** for soul food you wouldn't believe. • The Louisiana State Museum's long-awaited "Sun King" exhibit opens April 29, recreating the era of Louis XIV. • See **One Mo' Time** the wonderful songfest of black music originating from New Orleans. • Stay at The Soniat Hotel in the French Quarter—beautifully run, a delight!

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