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### **Learn how to 'deck the halls'**

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TROY — Homeowners can learn how to deck their halls and knock out their holiday guests with tips from the pros during a free seminar Oct. 22 at Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive.

MDC showrooms will be filled with festive tabletop displays and elegant holiday room décor vignettes at "Holiday Decorating and Entertaining" that takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration is being taken through Friday for the event that will feature 11 of the area's top designers. They will be on site from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to answer questions and offer guidance on adding seasonal flair and inspiration to holiday and home projects.

David C. McKnight from Emerald City Designs will help put MDC visitors in the holiday mood, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., with a repeat performance from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., by creating a one-of-a-kind, festively decorated dining room, complete with floral designs and table settings.

He also will perform magic before attendees' eyes as he turns a simple room setting in the MidAmerica Room into an awe-inspiring holiday display. Meanwhile, his artistic assistants will decorate a tree that resonates with imagination.

Following McKnight's high-energy presentation, guests can visit with some of the area's most talented interior designers. Michael Coyne from Michael Coyne Designs will demonstrate how to transform mantelpieces and surrounding walls. Kristen Armstrong from KCID Studio on Park will create a glamorous dinner party; Donna Brown from Dazzling Design, LLC will demonstrate Christmas casual elegance with a French flair in the dining room.

Also, designers Karen Crorey-Dallafior, Becky Andrews and Judy Welch will turn an eclectic sitting room into an elegant toasting room while David McGowen makes a Christmas tree shimmer with crystal prisms, clear glass, chandeliers and original art.

In addition, Arturo Sanchez and Barry Harrison will transform a pine library with evergreens and ornaments in a traditional color scheme of greens, reds and golds. Denise Ziya will deliver a new take on an old tradition, as she shows guests how to create a "mistletoe and snow" feel with peacock blues, chartreuse and cocoa. And, Pat Warner will turn a living room in colors of browns, creams and pale yellow into a holiday retreat appropriate from November through the New Year.

Space is limited. To register, call (248) 649-4772 or go to [www.MichiganDesign.com](http://www.MichiganDesign.com) and click on the "consumers page" then scroll down to "events" and "register now."