

Visitors to the Saginaw **Talbots** store at Fashion Square Mall will have a special treat on Monday, November 19th -- the opportunity to meet and talk with a local woman who recently received national recognition for her ability to turn a dream into reality.

On October 23rd, 2007 viewers of *The Martha Stewart Show* on NBC saw Midland's **Linda Z. Smith**, one of 11 winners of the "Dreamers into Doers" contest sponsored by Martha Stewart and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia's flagship publication *Martha Stewart Living*. **Talbots** and Bank of America co-sponsored the awards. **Talbots** provided a new wardrobe for each winner.

Linda Smith was selected for the honor based on her achievement in co-founding Creative Spirit Center, a community-based arts organization in Midland, in 1994, and leading the organization for its first 13 years. In particular, her work to provide youth with an interrelated arts environment was hailed by the contest judges. Local activities honoring Linda for this achievement will be scheduled during the next several months throughout the Tri-Cities area.

Currently, Smith teaches classes and directs the Facing Forward program at Creative Spirit Center. In Facing Forward, adult women mentor young women experiencing an interrelated arts curriculum. Facing Forward is a collaboration with the Junior League of Saginaw Valley, which selected Creative Spirit Center in 2007 to be its partner in the Junior League's 3-year signature project.

Details of the awards are published in the November issue of *Martha Stewart Living*, now on newsstands. More information is available on Creative Spirit Center's web site, creativespiritcenter.org.

Linda Smith will be at the Saginaw Talbots store from 10 am to 3 pm on November 19th.

Creative Spirit Center's mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, playshops, conferences, speakers, and outreach programs. The organization's goal is to enhance the development of physical, psychological, and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities.

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