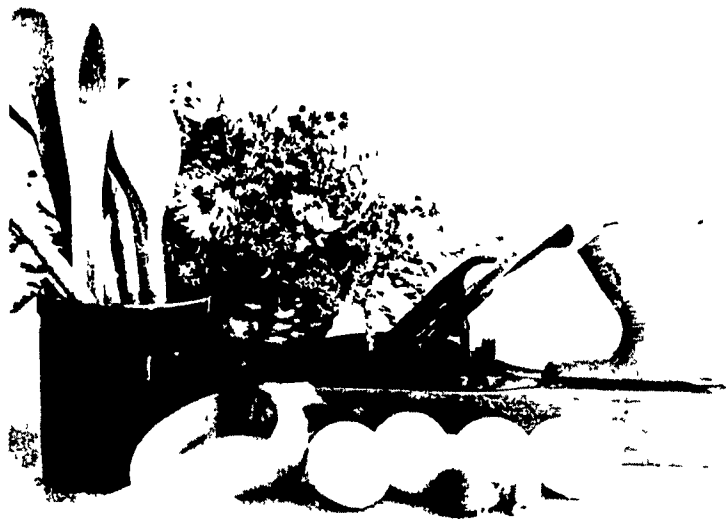


# Homestead Notes

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Mrs. Robert Greiner....

## Exhibiting at Farm Shows is Fun for Sandy

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Many people throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and even other states and other countries are making plans to see the 57th Pennsylvania Annual State Farm Show next week but behind the scenes this week many Pennsylvanians are polishing, grooming, selecting, sorting and packing their exhibits and getting them there on time.

One lady from Lancaster County who will be exhibiting in the Home Economics Department for the eighth year is Mrs. Sandy (Robert) Greiner of Manheim. She says "I'm grateful that the Lancaster County Extension Office takes exhibits to Harrisburg for the Farm Show." This does give an opportunity for many women to send their exhibits of canned and dried fruits and vegetables, canned meats, jellies, jams, baked goods, clothing and home related arts.

Mrs. Greiner says "I like doing it. My ultimate goal is to get a rosette for Best of Show at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. I do it for self accomplishment." Sandy will take a canned fruit and a canned vegetable display. A display is five jars, each jar containing a different kind. She will also take canned tomatoes, snap beans, corn and beets. In baked goods she will take white bread, white yeast rolls, white, yellow and chocolate butter cakes, angel food, chiffon and a sponge cake.

Sandy, who probably takes after her grandmother who exhibited at fairs, also exhibits at the five Lancaster County fairs. She took at least 100 entries to each fair last year. She had 60 to 75 jars of canned vegetables and



Mrs. Greiner designed and made these felt wall hangings and scissor cutting pictures. She also painted the varicolored picture in the background. It is a study in designing color.

fruits, 30 baking entries and jellies, canned meat, chicken and sausage. She has been exhibiting at county fairs for at least ten years. She exhibited at the Manheim, Ephrata and New Holland fairs the longest. She took to them canned goods, baked goods, sewing, art work and some fresh vegetables. She took baked

and canned goods, sewing and flowers to Lampeter Fair and last year took canned and baked goods to the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair. She won over 200 ribbons at the 1972 fairs. She has well over 1,000 ribbons that she has accumulated so far.

Sandy canned over 200 quarts of fruits and vegetables, including pickles of the mustard, green tomato and kosher dill varieties, bread and butter and sweet mixed pickles, corn relish, sweet pickle relish, chili sauce, catsup and stewed tomatoes and froze about as much or more than she canned. She made over 50 jars of jam and jellies.

It is interesting to note that she spent about \$50 for baking supplies for the five county fairs but won about \$225 in prize money. Her supplies add up to seven boxes of cake flour, 30 pounds of all-purpose flour, 25 dozen eggs, 30 pounds of sugar, 25 boxes of 4X sugar, two boxes of chocolate, two large bottles of vanilla, two gallons of milk, one large can of baking powder, one large box of baking soda, three pounds of brown sugar, one dozen packs of yeast, nine pounds of vegetable shortening, five pounds of butter, 10 or 15 pounds of apples, nuts, coconut and chocolate bits.

Greiners used to have a garden but lately have not and Sandy buys her vegetables, either at

market or from farmers.

Sandy says "I love working with flowers." She has turned her vegetable garden into a flower garden and has a lot of annuals and perennials. She is adding an herb garden this year. Among the flowers she grows are creeping phlox, fire pokers, pinks, cat and kittens, verbenas, sweet alyssum, petunias, ageratum, marigolds, geraniums and mums.

Sandy works at Pam's Posey Shop, Manheim, somewhere between 10 and 20 hours a five-day week. She works 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. three days a week in the shop, then runs deliveries. She designs arrangements and sets up for weddings.

She has a stand at Root's Country Market and Auction, Manheim RD1, from 11 a.m. or noon to 9 p.m. every Tuesday. She sells candles, candle rings, wooden gift items including compotes, candle holders and scones, a full line of Pennsylvania Dutch items, jewelry, tea towels, place mats and pot holders. She also sells items that she makes such as stained glass sun catchers or window blind pulls, oil paintings, felt wall hangings, floating, votive and chunk candles which are scented and colored.

Sandy has been oil painting since she was in junior high school and belonged to Heintzman art group in Manheim. She lost a lot of paintings and equipment at Root's fire last year. She started to make stained glass and candles just within the past year.

She started another craft recently, Scheren Schutte or scissor cutting. It is an old Pennsylvania Dutch art. Claudia Hopf wrote a book on this art and did a demonstration on it at Park City. These designs are cut on colored paper then put on a mat and framed. Sandy will also sell them.

Sandy designed some wall hangings in felt and exhibited at the Pennsylvania Farm Show last year.

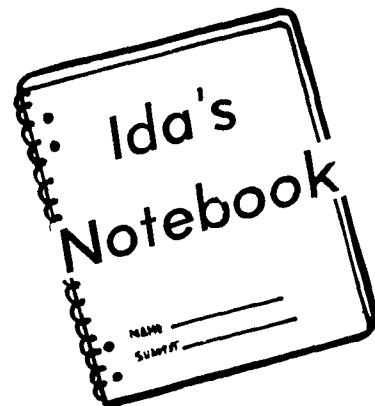
She took home economics in seventh and eighth grades and learned to sew. She took three Extension courses in tailoring. She tailors suits, coats and custom draperies. She makes clothes for herself and did some tailoring for a friend. She plans to make draperies for her home this winter. She also has entered clothing she made at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Sandy says "I have to have my hands busy."

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Mrs. Sandy Greiner, Manheim, shows some of the jars of fruit and vegetables and a cake she will enter in competition next week at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. A few of her ribbons from former years are shown. In background is a stilllife oil painting she painted. She also made the lavender pant suit she is wearing.



Ida Rissler

This past holiday season our college-age son spent part of his vacation with us and part of it working in a laboratory at Penn State.

He and his boyfriends have managed very well in their apartment and with their housekeeping chores. We visited them on his birthday and took a cake and a freezer of ice cream plus some other "goodies". Their refrigerator was better stocked than mine and Jeff gained 15 pounds in two months. Of course, part of this gain could be from lack of hard work such as his summer job in a stone quarry.

The three fellows are quite amiable and share cooking chores and clean-up jobs too. We parents are quite pleased with them.

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There was one big box under

our Christmas tree which really intrigued our 12-year-old boy. He couldn't figure it out until the package was opened. It is a hockey-type game which proved to be quite exciting and his big brothers, who gave him the gift, enjoyed it as much as the younger ones. The only problem is its size, as a big table space is needed to use it.

Children can be quite blunt. As our Christmas tree this year didn't have a nice shape, they told me we certainly helped the ecology movement by removing an ugly tree from area. We had topped an evergreen that was growing where we didn't want it to be.

We've eaten most of the 15 varieties of cookies which we baked and most of the 60 gallons of cider, which my husband had made, has been given away or frozen for next summer.