

Mrs. Judy Homan

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become proficient at it." Judy says she taught herself, however, and now it does the job just fine.

Judy has piles of wool waiting to be carded and spun, and many skeins of dyed wool waiting to be woven. She also has a minor drawback in proceeding at a very fast pace - her 1½ year old son, Andy, who doesn't always cooperate with his mother's creative instincts. He enjoys playing with the beautiful balls of yarn once they're spun!

Judy has created many things from her wool - pillow covers, place mats, ponchos, handbags and many more. She says she often makes articles for gift occasions. But, naturally, it takes a lot of wool to make an entire article. Judy explains that many home weavers make the warp of

purchased yarn and weave with their own wool. She said it is her goal to set up her warp and weave with her own wool, making the article completely hers.

The combinations of designs which can be created on the loom are infinite, according to Judy, and she makes it sound exciting — and challenging — to work out new designs for different items. She explains that it is possible to weave tubular fabric for pillow covers and the like which does not need to be seamed.

At one time Judy sold some of her items through a local gift shop. But one of the problems of selling things she has created, she says, is trying to put a price tag on them. It's difficult to assess the time put into a design and the work in weaving the finished product.

Local weavers get together through an organization called the Lancaster Spinners and Weavers group, which Judy helped organize last year along with Mrs. Pat Cleary. Judy says there are about 20 persons who meet monthly, and anyone is welcome to attend their meetings. Programs are usually presented on different types of weaving, and "often it is like a small workshop where everyone creates a piece." She said the group has grown mainly through "word of mouth."

Many of the members also participate in the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, and last year exhibited at the Guild's annual show at Millersville State College.

Judy is a native of Washington, D. C. and this is her third year in the Lancaster area. She did her undergraduate work at Dickinson College where she met her husband, a Lancaster native, who is now a psychologist for the Lancaster Guidance Clinic.

Though a city girl, Judy enjoys many things which reflect a joy in living the simple life. Both the Homans enjoy antiques and have many items in their home which they bought at public auctions and refinished. Among their antiques are several Shaker chairs which they bought cheaply because they had no seats. The Homans redid the seats in authentic style, using the traditional tape which is closely woven to complete the seat.

Judy also enjoys baking bread for her family and has made lampshades for their home. She is an enthusiastic gardener, and gets a head start on most people by starting her plants in her home or in her cold frame. She says at this time of the year the vegetables in the store offer no interest to her and she is anxiously awaiting her homegrown vegetables.

Much of Judy's basic knowledge of her crafts is self-taught, and she is enthusiastic about sharing with others. She has given several talks and demonstrations, including one at Park City, and someday hopes to demonstrate spinning at a museum.

She bemoans the fact that the process of spinning is so slow for her because of other demands on her time, and dreams of how much wool one could spin while demonstrating daily!

Spinning and weaving are ancient crafts, but for Judy Homan they offer a modern homemaker a very rewarding creative outlet.

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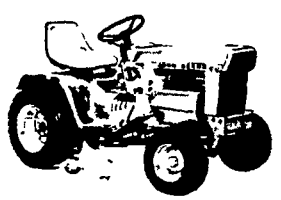

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Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, April 13
Farm Women Society 25 - meet at the Farm and Home Center, entertain Society 10.
Farm Women Society 2 meeting, entertain County officials and Society 18 at Coca Cola Hospitality Rm., 1428 Manheim Pike, Lancaster.

Monday, April 15
7:30 p.m. - Farm Women Society 29 meeting, home of Mrs. Dale Hiestand.

Tuesday, April 16
12:30-3:30 p.m. - Farm Women Society 3. Sew at Ephrata Community Hospital.

Wednesday, April 17
Farm Women Society 6 - Serve dinner at Wyeth Laboratories.

Thursday, April 18
1:30 p.m. - Farm Women Society 15 - meeting, home of Kathryn Wagner, Quarryville.

Farm Women Society 6 and 7 - entertain at Conestoga View.
Saturday, April 20
2:00 p.m. - Farm Women Society 8 - meeting, Helen Wivell, Emma Good, Grace Bixler, hostesses.
12:30 p.m. - Farm Women Society 3 - entertain Society 19, Salem Lutheran Church, Ephrata.

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