

A Creative Egg Decorating Artist

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wires and metallic string to make a lot of the eggs operative.

For the decoupage method she cuts out embossed metallic wrapping paper designs and puts them on the eggs then antiques them. It is very thin and applies easier than cut-outs from greeting cards. If greeting cards are used they should be peeled to the thickness of wrapping paper. Seal face of card with decoupage sealer. Dry for 12 hours then soak in warm water. Lay print on paper towel, face down. Rub off back gently with finger or fine sand paper until of desired thickness.

Mrs. Bomberger says that cutting the picture is very important to achieve the proper effect so it will look like a painting. Use curved decoupage scissors held with the thumb or third finger. Open and close the scissors, feeding

the print into the blades, making a continuous cut. The secret to good cutting is learning to maneuver the paper up and down, around and around, to the contours of the line of the picture. She also uses the tole paper cutting method which is done in three dimensions.

Apply white glue to cover the cut-out completely, apply to egg and smooth down. Use a round tooth pick and roll print from center to edge, to roll out excess glue and bubbles. Remove excess glue from egg with damp cloth or sponge. Dry over night. The next step is to varnish it. Do so by dipping the brush halfway into the varnish and flow on egg evenly. Apply about four coats or enough to bury the print. You can apply two or three coats a day but be sure varnish isn't tacky before putting on another coat. Dry 48 hours before sanding. Use fine steel wool and buff until you get a dull finish.

Barbara, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brubaker, was born and raised till five years of age on her parents large general farm near Mount Joy, in Rapho Township, Lancaster County. Their house burned which she can well remember. One prized item saved from the burning house was a lovely corner cupboard which she has in her dining room today. The Brubakers moved to Lancaster and Barbara attended Stevens Girls' High School. She graduated from Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing. She also took a course in Public Health Nursing in Philadelphia. She was a nurse for the city and had charge of clinics for poor families in different parts of Philadelphia. Later she was a Red Cross nurse in Norristown. She came to Manheim in 1930 and was a community nurse, spending some time in the schools and in a sense was a truant officer.

Barbara was married to the late Walter Bomberger who had a real estate and insurance business in Manheim. He was a Representative in Harrisburg from 1947 to 1954. She has two sons. Walter Lawrence Jr., "Larry", lives with his mother and is an auctioneer and does income tax for people. He and Donald Longenecker are the auctioneers for Conestoga Auction Company and hold the auctions at Root's Country Market and Auction, Manheim R1. Larry also demonstrates auctioning at the Kutztown Folk Festival. The other son, Andrew B., is married to Sylvia Ginder and they have a daughter Sally who is 15 and a son, Jeffrey, 13. They live in Manheim. Andrew is an auto salesman.

Mrs. Bomberger used to have a garden and canned the vegetables. She still cans fruit but freezes vegetables. She has a sizeable back yard which is inviting to birds. She is a member of the Lancaster Bird Club. They meet monthly at the North Museum and go on field trips. Recently they went on a pelagic trip 70 miles out from Ocean City, Maryland. They saw skua gulls, albatrosses, Iceland gulls and gannets.

Mrs. Bomberger is a member of Saint Paul's United Church of Christ, Manheim. She is also a member of the Iris Club in Lancaster. They have two meetings a month. She helps make wreaths, door swags, table and tree decorations, starting in November, for their greens sale the second week of December.

Since this is Girl Scout Month it might be of interest to know Mrs. Bomberger helped organize the Girl Scout Council in Lancaster County. Many years ago she was a Den Mother in Manheim. She also helped organize the Manheim Woman's Club.

Mrs. Bomberger has her home furnished in antique furniture and has beautiful old dishes. She has always been the do-it-yourself type and refinished and upholstered furniture, did her own papering and painting and used to make all her clothing, including dresses, suits and coats as well as drapes for her house.

She took lessons from C. X. Carlson, the artist in the southern part of Lancaster County, and used to paint in oil

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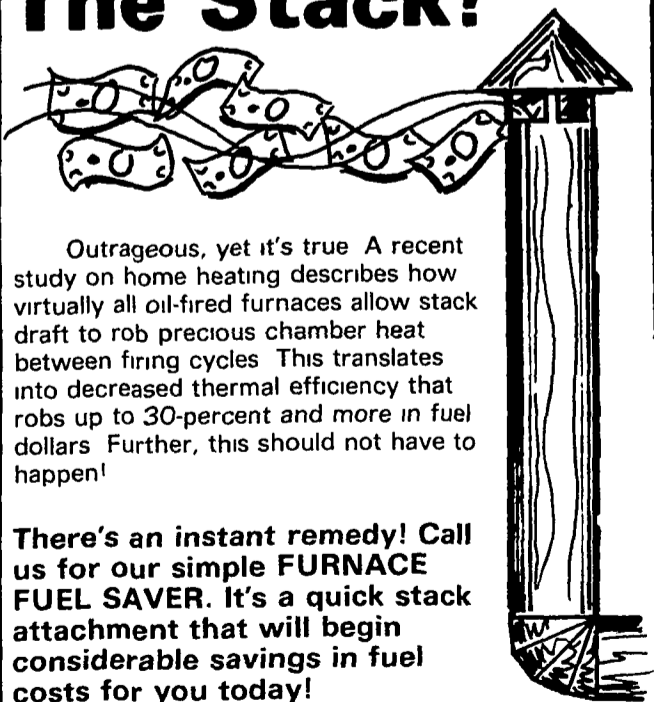
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