

Chester County offers Spring workshops for all

WEST CHESTER - New Spring workshops with a large variety of topics are now being offered as part of an informal education program in Chester County through the Pennsylvania State University Extension Service.

Course offerings range from crafts, home economics, leisure time activities, and a focus beyond the middle years.

In the area of food preparation, a workshop on microwave cooking, including basic cooking principles and preparation, will be offered on Mondays, March 5, 19, and 26th from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration is requested by Wednesday, February 21. The course fee is \$15.

Foreign food cookery, featuring a demonstration of a main dish and dessert, will also include taste sampling of the finished product. Italian cookery will be presented on March 8, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., with a fee of 75 cents. Registrations are due by February 28th. Austrian cookery, at the same fee and time, will be presented on March 16. Registration deadline is May 9.

Home furnishings workshops will offer areas of learning and participation in slipcovers and draperies.

On Thursday, March 1, 8, 22, and 29th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. a slipcover workshop is offered. Fabric selection, measurement, fitting, application of zippers and making self binding will be included. Participants are encouraged to work on a chair covering while attending the course. The fee is \$10 and the registration deadline is Thursday, February 22.

A drapery workshop, in a series of five meetings, will be held on March 6, 13, 20, 27,

and April 3rd. Fabric selection, how to measure and construction techniques will be discussed. Also a variety of top of the window treatments will be included. Registration deadline is February 27 and the fee is \$12.50.

Two heritage craft workshops are offered to teach and bring out the hidden creative talents participants possess. Decorative painting-tole painting, will be offered in eight sessions—March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 18, 25, and May 2nd. No talent is needed for this course, just the desire to paint. Fruit, flowers, and other decorative items will be done on a sampler board. The cost of the workshop, \$37.50, includes the entire kit of supplies necessary to complete the beginning project and start a new creativity. Registration deadline is February 21st for this course.

Quilting, including basic techniques for hand quilting, making a pattern, use of applique and patchwork, along with creating a pillow top will be utilized. Instructions on how to make a quilting frame will be demonstrated. The date of the course is April 17, 24,

May 1, and 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$10 and registration deadline is April 10.

Safety as it affects the child in his environment will be offered on March 7th. This workshop will include information regarding toy safety and children and poisons. The time is 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is due by March 1. This session will be held in Malvern. There is no fee.

Free workshops in "making your world more livable" will begin with sewing for the home. Easy techniques to give your home a new decor will be discussed. These sessions will be on May 9th in West Chester and May 10th in New Garden. The time is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Registration deadline is May 7th.

Preserving the garden surplus which includes canning, freezing, jams, jellies and pickles will be offered on June 13. The registration is due by June 11.

Pre-retirement workshops will be held on Mondays, March 12, 19, 26, and April 9th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This series of four workshops is designed to help the participant look

beyond the middle years and focus on getting ready for and enjoying retirement. Registration is due by March 5th.

All workshops, unless otherwise indicated, are within the West Chester

vicinity. Classes are conducted by a professional teacher. Registration or questions regarding these programs should be directed to Trudy Dougherty, Extension Home Economist, 235 W. Market Street, West

Chester, Pa. 19380, (215-696-3500). Checks should be made payable to the Chester County Extension Service.

Newsletters are also available to Chester County homemakers upon request from the Extension office.

Wheat and feed grain program

HARRISBURG - Farmers who plan to participate in the 1979 Feed Grain and Wheat program can begin signup on February 15, according to chairpersons of County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committees.

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has designated February 15 to

April 16 as the period for farmers to file intention to participate in 1979 set-aside programs.

He emphasized that farmers must signup to be eligible for price support loans, target price and disaster payments for barley, corn, sorghum, and wheat on participating farms and on other normal

crop acreage grown on the farm.


Farmers must also signup for voluntary diversion payments on corn and grain sorghum. However, there will be no advance voluntary diversion payment for 1979 crops.

Farmers can get further information and details at their county ASCS office.

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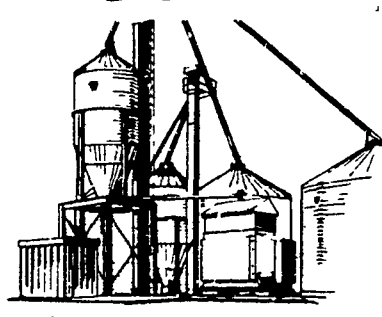
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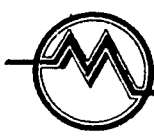


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