

Homemade crafts featured on market tour

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MANHEIM — For those people who like to see unique crafts, and visit country homes, this coming week will be of interest to them. On April 26 thru 28, the public is invited to explore three home craft studios located near Manheim off of Route 72.

One of the stops will be the home of Hal and Melinda Kehne, who will display their own special variety of wood and fiber work.

The couple only recently moved into Lancaster County, having had exhibits in the area before and liking the people they met. Now they have based their own Lancaster Co. business, and this will be their first open house here.

Melinda related that she started working with fiber while in college, macrame being the first craft she learned. An art major, she soon was teaching mini-courses in knotting, until

today she and her husband are taking orders for custom home furniture and decoration.

They exhibit their work in different craft shows throughout the U.S. and at their most recent show in Florida, they won a second place in fine crafts.

At their open house, they will display furniture such as room dividers and other

larger pieces that can be done by special order.

The Kuehnes explain their work as traditional techniques in a "new and exciting way". Melinda designs the crochet and knotted patterns, and Hal perfects the wooden frames in which they are displayed. The final results are tables, room dividers, clocks, and window decorations.

Also at the Kuehne farmhouse will be Kimberly Haldeman's Patchwork designs. She will be displaying her patchwork pillows and framed wall hangings, what she terms "traditional reproductions for older homes".

Her wall hangings are a newer item, and feature patchwork designs featured inside a wooden frame.

She is a former art teacher and a member of the Pa. Guild Association.

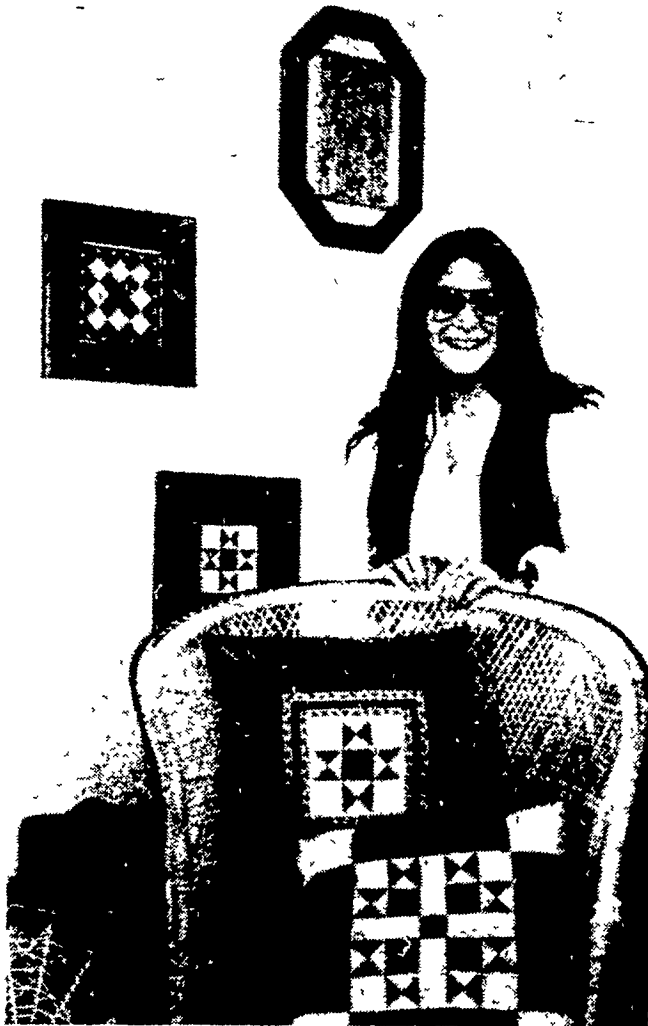
Second stop on the tour is the Wise Design Shop, where floral decoration from freshly cut, dried, preserved and silk flowers can be seen. The designs are by resident Marilyn Sanko, formerly of Stauffers of Kissel Hills, and her partner Edith Taylor White. They will display

arrangements in traditional Williamsburg, colonial, and contemporary colors and ideas. This will be the last open house held at that location, and the last time visitors have a chance to come to the French country house, surrounded by daffodils, and cherry blossoms.

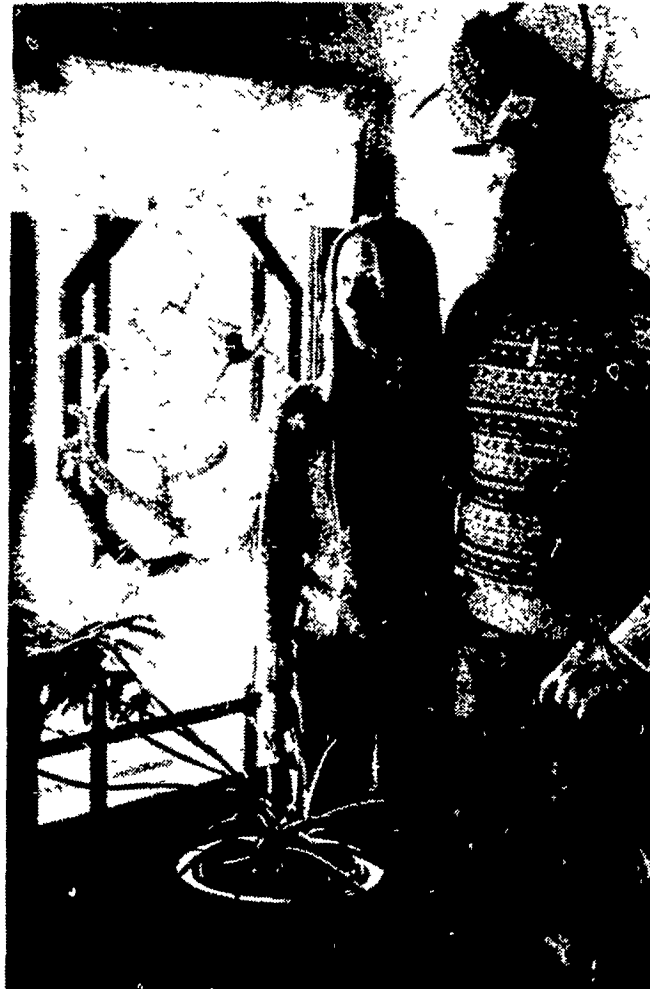
Also at the Wise Design Shop will be sourdough products, including starter, and printed recipe books. Crocheted items such as ponchos and afghans will also be on sale, and there will be a garage sale.

Final stop of the farm homes is Karen Fry's Herb Shop. Her talent for growing her own herbs, whether from seed, cuttings, or root divisions will be on display.

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Showing her patchworking skills, Kimberly Haldeman will be displaying both pillows and wall hangings at the Kuehne home.



Hal and Melinda Kuehne, in their home, show how one of their "Earthly Creations" can be used in a window. Many of their fiber and wood creations will be seen at their home.



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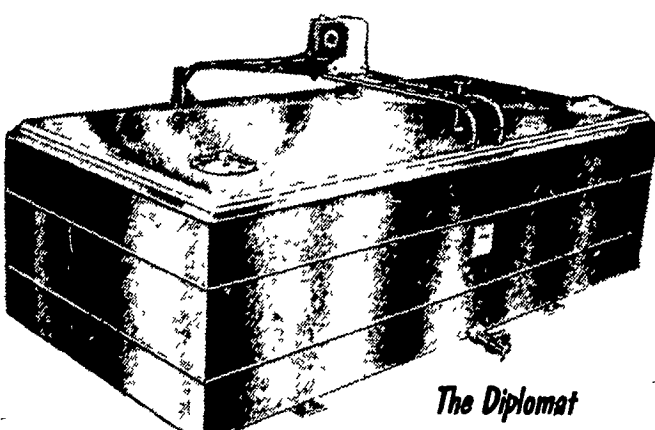
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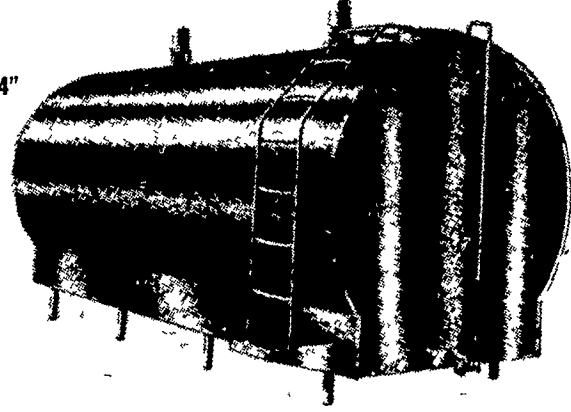
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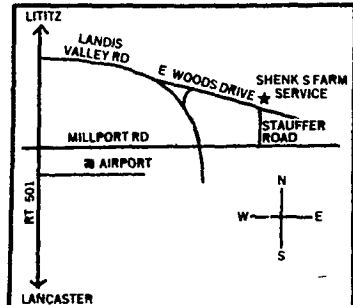
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