

# Catherine Kohl paints her life with activity

**BY PAT KAUFFMAN**  
**LEESPORT** — Catherine Kohl enjoys farms. She likes to paint them and to live on them. But most of all she likes to restore them.  
 For the last eleven years she has concentrated her efforts on their 50 acre alfalfa farm here. A tour of

the house gives the visitor a resume of her time spent the last eleven years.  
 Catherine lives with her husband, Andrew and son, Andy, in a farmhouse built in 1824. The Kohls have three married daughters.  
 The Kohls were not born farmers. While they had

lived and Mr. Kohl had worked on farms in Lancaster County, their reason for the purchase of a country property was the foresight that "land was going to get dear some day."  
 Catherine said her husband has learned to expect anything when he comes home from work. When her remodeling urge hits, he comes home to scenarios like the one a few years back when she started pulling down the ceiling in their spacious kitchen and family area. Now she says she expected to have the job done and cleaned up before supper, but said what she didn't realize was that two ceilings were covering the beams she hoped to expose.

Hubby entered on that evening to quite a mess, she says, and immediately mobilized the kids to aid in the clean up.  
 Two large stone-faced fireplaces in the home attest to the fact that this petite lady is handy with a trowel. Catherine said that the first two homes they built she helped with. The third home she finished and when she needed something done in this farm home, she got out her tools and did it.

She said this her husband who works for a building contractor works with remodeling all day. He helps her accomplish the things she doesn't have sufficient strength for.  
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Her love of painting has prompted Catherine to devote a room to her craft. Easels, swivel chair, and useful tables share the room with her latest paintings.



Catherine proudly pointed to the scroll work above the upstairs balcony. She clearly enjoys working with older houses.

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