

Farm Museum offers "old-time" courses



Mae Brenneman stands by the braided rugs she made to use as demonstrations for her pupils at the rug braiding course at the Pennsylvania Farm Museum.



Learning how to hook a rug the way farm wives of long ago did is no easy chore. Above Maud Zane talks to the class on this almost-lost art.

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LANCASTER — Tinsmithing, rug braiding, whittling and fraktur may sound like work from a bygone era, but they are also contemporary crafts taught by experienced craftsmen at the Pennsylvania Museum of Landis Valley.

Over 100 people are taking advantage of these craft courses being taught in four sessions each during the month of March.

The courses include some old-time favorites such as tinsmithing, rug braiding, fraktur (a type of calligraphy), caning, pottery, punched paper embroidery, whittling, and tatting.

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A lot of concentration is needed to learn some of these old-time crafts.



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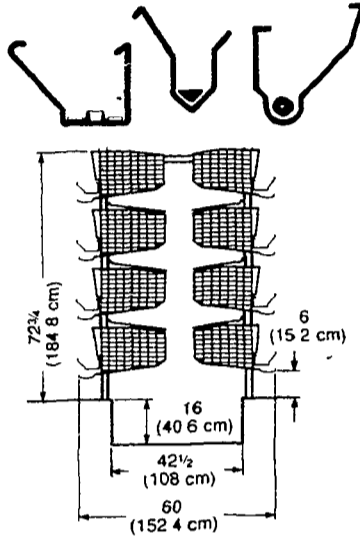


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