

Boyertown tour features old farmhouses, mills

BOYERTOWN — The Boyertown Area Historical Society will hold its first Old House Tour on Sunday, June 21st from noon to 5 p.m. including visits to large farmhouses and former mills.

Organizing the tour are Mrs. Richard Groff, chairman, Mrs. Michael Butler and Mrs. E. Kenneth Nyce.

The tour covers 10 private residences and one church, all in the Boyertown area. Open that afternoon will be the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Bally, which dates to 1743. This historic Church maintains an excellent museum, and organist William Nash will be playing the Church's renowned Krauss organ.

Several of the private homes on view were formally commercial or public structures. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sands was a one-room schoolhouse, and the Victorian style home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Westervelt was the railroad depot at Barto.

Other homes on the tour are typical Pennsylvania farmhouses, sturdy stone or brick structures. Among them are the 22-room home of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Moser; home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jilks, which has six fireplaces; and

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haddad, which has an early springhouse.

Several tour sites combine 19th century architecture with innovative 20th century additions, including the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duft, one of the oldest on the tour; the creatively landscaped home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gladieux; the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lea, which has a solarium connecting the original 1856 house to a modern addition.

Two of the sites involved mills. One is a former grist mill, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Romaker, and the other, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Butler, features an 1861 grist mill and eight-sided beehive.

The tour includes buildings that span several centuries and encompasses a number of architectural styles. Ticket are \$5 and should be purchased by June 15. Send checks to Mrs. E. Kenneth Nyce, R1 Franklin St., Bechtelsville, Pa. 19505. Refreshments will be available for an additional \$2 donation. Proceeds above costs benefit the Boyertown Area Historical Society.



This Victorian home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Westervelt, which will be included in a tour of old houses in the Boyertown area on June 21, is the former railroad depot at Barto.

Weeds will tell

FAIRFAX, Virginia — Have you done a good job of liming? Have you applied enough lime? Was it spread evenly? Weeds can help to give you the answer to these questions.

During the next two months walk over your fields and look for weeds. Look for a pattern of growth. Is the field weedy all over or do they grow in strips? Do you find the weeds on the knoll or high spots but not in the low areas?

The pattern of weed growth can tell you something about your liming program. An under-limed field will tend to be weedy all over. Also, weeds appearing on knolls but not elsewhere can be an indication of under-liming. A poor job of spreading may result in weeds growing in strips.

But don't jump to conclusions, look carefully and study the area. The same conditions can be caused by a poor job of spraying herbicides. Spraying skips leave weeds in strips. Low spraying rates, too little or too much pressure, and of course, using the wrong material will result in poor weed control.

Many herbicides are "deactivated" by acid soils. Therefore, even though you do everything right in spraying you may get poor results. Take a soil sample from those areas where weed control is poor. Have the soil tested for acidity. The answer can help you do a better job next year.

Honey unit to meet

MANHEIM — The Lancaster County Honey Producers Association will meet on Thursday, June 11, at the home of Dan Fitzkee along Hosler Road in Naumanstown, near Manheim.

Hives will be opened at 6:30 p.m. A business meeting will be held, along with a discussion of summer management and honey removal. All interested persons are invited to attend. Bring a lawn chair.

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