

Seeing Eye seeks puppy lovers in Chester Co.

OXFORD — The Seeing Eye seeks families in the Southern Chester County area to raise puppies destined to be guides for blind people. Puppies born at the scientific breeding station in Mendham Township will soon be ready for loving homes.

Those interested in training a puppy should attend the first meeting of the Southern Chester County 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Club on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Hopewell Girls Gym in Oxford starting at 7 p.m.

The Seeing Eye pays veterinary expenses and provides a monthly allowance to help defray other puppy raising costs. The 4-H youngsters who raise the puppies take them to local 4-H meetings to teach them basic obedience, and a Seeing Eye representative visits the homes periodically to help with the care and handling of each pup.

Raising a seeing eye puppy is a family project. As a family member, a puppy gets the con-

fidence it needs to be a seeing eye dog. When it's old enough for training, it will already be well adjusted to family life.

Sometime between 12 and 14 months of age the pup will return to the Seeing Eye for specialized

training. At the Seeing Eye in Morris Township, N.J., qualified instructors teach the dogs to guide blind people.

For more information call your local county 4-H agent at 215-696-3500.

Glen Rock 4-H Club

The Glen Rock 4-H Club will hold its Achievement Night tonight at 7:30 in the Zion Lutheran Church in Glen Rock.

The club will install officers and present prizes to outstanding

members.

Projects are available in every area and members do not have to be farmers. Persons interested in joining next year's club should contact John Krone at 235-2404.

Country Creations

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reading craft magazines. "If I see something, I'll try it on my own," she says. She has had no training in art or craftmaking beyond attending a few workshops.

Although Shirley enjoys making different things, the time she has to

devote to her craft projects is becoming increasingly limited as the shop becomes established. "I think I'm going to have to specialize," she says.

Before opening her shop in June, Shirley worked as a nurse at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital in Lancaster. She said she had nursed there for a number of years and felt ready to try something different.

As her children got older and more involved in school activities, Shirley said she wanted to change her working hours to allow more time for her children.

"I think the advantages outweigh those little conflicts you run into," she says of her decision to change careers.

Once she had made up her mind to quit her job and open the shop, she started by attending two local craft shows where she was quite successful. Later, she and Ken started to look for places to rent, but finally decided to open up shop in part of their home. "It took a while 'til we decided to use the house," Shirley confesses.

She says she does not regret the decision to use the house and occasionally gets some housework done in between customers.

With the holiday season approaching, Shirley will be busier than ever. She is planning to attend a Christmas craft show at Willow Valley and is considering expanding her shop hours, which are normally Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shoppers looking for unique Christmas decorations and gifts will find an ample supply at Country Creations. In addition to the country crafts she normally carries, Shirley has Christmas wreaths and unique Christmas ornaments.

Christmas bazaar

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and hours to make..." Cathy continued with a smile. However, "Everything is reasonably priced," she added.

The items uniformly reflect the creative yet common sense approach of these country wives. For example, the baby bibs are large and made out of a very thick, absorbant hand towel. "Do you remember how long those little plastic bibs that cost \$1.99 in the stores last after they're washed and the plastic breaks?" Cathy reminded the mothers.

Tree sachets are hand-stuffed and sewn shut. Tree ornaments are individually wrapped and do not fall apart with excessive handling. Ornaments also carry long strings for "little fingers" that enjoy helping mommy and daddy trim the tree.

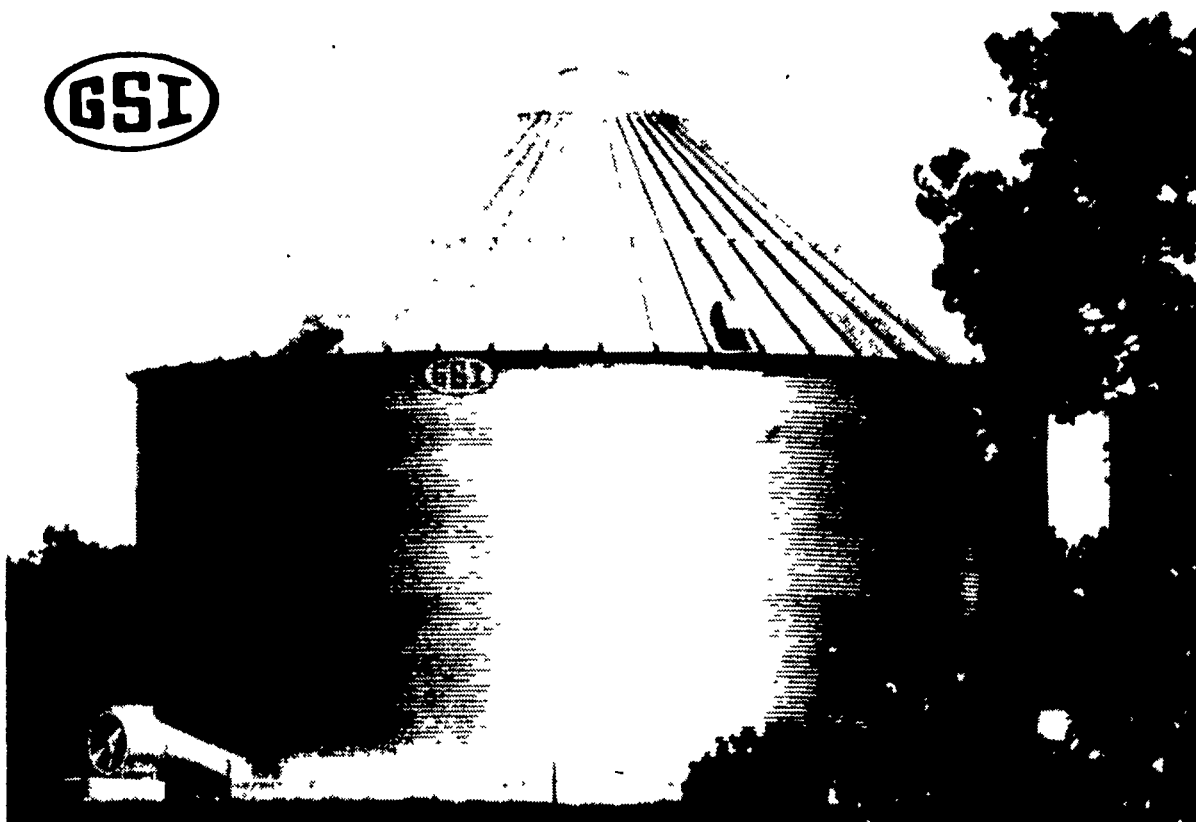
Pillows are made with a zipper in the back so that the pillow shape can be removed and the pillow washed. "It's worth it to put the zipper in," said Cathy.

Some of the women's craft ideas appear in this week's craft corner. They are easy and fun to make, Elaine and Cathy say, but quickly add: "Come to the bazaar, they're good bargains."



Adorable puppies like the ones pictured above are available now to families in southern Chester County. Families are needed to raise the puppies that will become seeing eye dogs.

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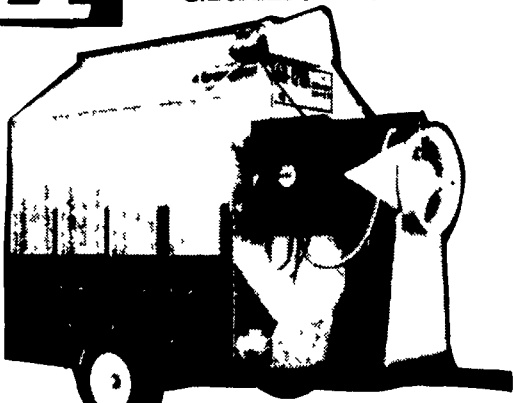


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