

# Belsnickel Craft Show Slated For Nov. 28

BOYERTOWN - As the holiday season approaches, members of the Boyertown Area Historical Society are beginning preparations for their Sixteenth Annual Belsnickel Craft Show. This year's show will be held Friday, Nov. 28 from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Boyertown Junior High School, West, and Boyertown Elementary School, Second and Madison Streets, Boyertown.

Over 130 local and regional craftsmen will participate in the show. A wide variety of crafts, including baskets, watercolors, decoys, pine cone art, wood, tin and papier mache folk art will be displayed.

Hooked rugs, ceramics, dolls and doll clothing, pressed flowers, herbs, pottery, children's clothing, counted thread embroidery, leatherworking, jewelry, quilts, soft sculpture and a host of other crafts will also be available.

Refreshments will be available at the Junior High School. A donation of \$3 is requested and children under 12 will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

The Belsnickel Craft Show has become a community tradition and society members hope even more people will enjoy the show this year.

Chairman of the event is Grace John, who will be assisted by Pat Fedor, Phyllis Stauffer, Jim Masom, Janet Reed, Holly K. Green and Ethel Mercer.



Elizabeth Foster shows a few handcrafted models that will be offered for sale during the Belsnickel Craft Show to be held Nov. 28 and 29 at the Boyertown Junior High School, West, and Boyertown Elementary School.

## Today's Affluent Teens Should Set Spending Plan

NEWARK, Del. - Today's affluent teenagers can easily buy compact discs, high fashion watches and Walkman radios, but their spending splurges should be coupled with consumer skills to prevent currency chaos later in life.

"Many teenagers enjoy a false sense of affluence because their money is discretionary, above and beyond the necessities of life," says Roxane Whittaker, Kent County extension specialist in home economics. "They don't have to spend money on rent and groceries because they are still living at home."

According to Whittaker, recent studies show that teens as a group spend \$48 billion a year on such popular items as stereos, radios, watches, sporting equipment and cars. This figure does not include money spent by families on their teens.

"This premature affluence with few financial responsibilities can cause troubles later for teens," Whittaker says. "When the big jump comes from living with the family to living alone, the young person can land in a financial mess. While the young adult may have already acquired a spending habit, he or she may not be able to balance a checkbook, make a spending plan or know how to stretch money to cover basic needs."

The specialist has several suggestions on how to prevent this potential problem.

"To help teens become wise consumers, parents should involve them in financial management," Whittaker says. "Discuss with them where the money goes. Teens often know how much their parents earn, but rarely know how much the parents pay out in bills."

Whittaker says frank discussions can also ease the tension in a family when the teen believes his or her share of the family income isn't large enough.

Next, parents should help teenagers form a spending plan, working out what items the teens are responsible for. "It could be their own entertainment, car insurance or special clothing items," the specialist says. Then the parents need to help the teens determine how they are going to pay for those items.

"For example," says the specialist, "if they only work a summer job, explain how to spread a three-month income out over the other nine months."

"Let them set up a checking account and make them responsible for their own money," Whittaker says. "Allow them to make mistakes. They will probably run out of money or spend it on the wrong things."

"The idea is that they need to set goals. If they want to buy designer label clothing, they should know exactly what it costs and how much they have to save from each paycheck or allowance to afford it. Ideally, this is the way the family budget should work as well."

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