

# Cook's Question Corner

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**ANSWER** — Peggie C. Leifeste, Matawan, N.J. requested a recipe for a "chemical garden." In addition to the one we printed last week, we have received several different versions from Marlene Sauder of Mohnton, an anonymous reader, and Bonnie Blain of Halifax.

### Snowflake Garden

- 1½ cup salt
- ½ cup plus 4 tablespoons lime
- ½ cup plus 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- ½ cup plus 4 tablespoons blueing

Put ingredients in blender and slowly mix in ¾ cup water. Keep beating the mixture until it turns white. It takes a few minutes. Pour over a panful of coal, ashes or stones. Add miniature animals, fences, trees and other objects to make a winter scene.

Note: Do not pour mixture on too thick or it will not grow well. It should cover approximately 300 square inches.

### Depression Plant

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons lime
- 2 tablespoons liquid blueing
- 2 tablespoons salt

Combine ingredients. Add enough warm water to make a thin paste. Spread over twigs, coarse sand, gravel and similar objects that have been arranged in a flat dish or tray. Set where it won't be moved and watch a snow-like appearance come to life.

### Crystal Chemical Garden

Take chunks of broken brick, coal, porous rocks (not shiny ones) or sponge. The sponge can be cut into shapes like Christmas trees. Soak pieces in water until thoroughly wet, wring sponge out. Place in a shallow glass bowl (do not use metal of any kind). In a glass jar mix 4 tablespoons water, 4 tablespoons liquid blueing and 4 tablespoons ammonia. Pour over chunks, dampen them all. Put a few drops of food coloring on rocks, one or several colors can be used. Sprinkle 4 tablespoons of salt over entire area. Within a few hours flakes will begin to form. In less than 6 hours the garden will be well formed. After 2 days, add 2 tablespoons water and 2 tablespoons ammonia. Pour it into the side of the bowl, not on the crystals. When it reaches the size you want, stop adding liquid. If it all falls apart, just add the original ingredients to the same bowl.

Caution: Do Not let crystals grow beyond the bowl as they will damage furniture, especially marble and metal. Do not substitute any ingredient.

**ANSWER** — Dorothy M. Knaub of Red Lion writes that the red food coloring in the Red Velvet Cake can be substituted with water. She writes that it makes a light colored chocolate cake, but tastes good.

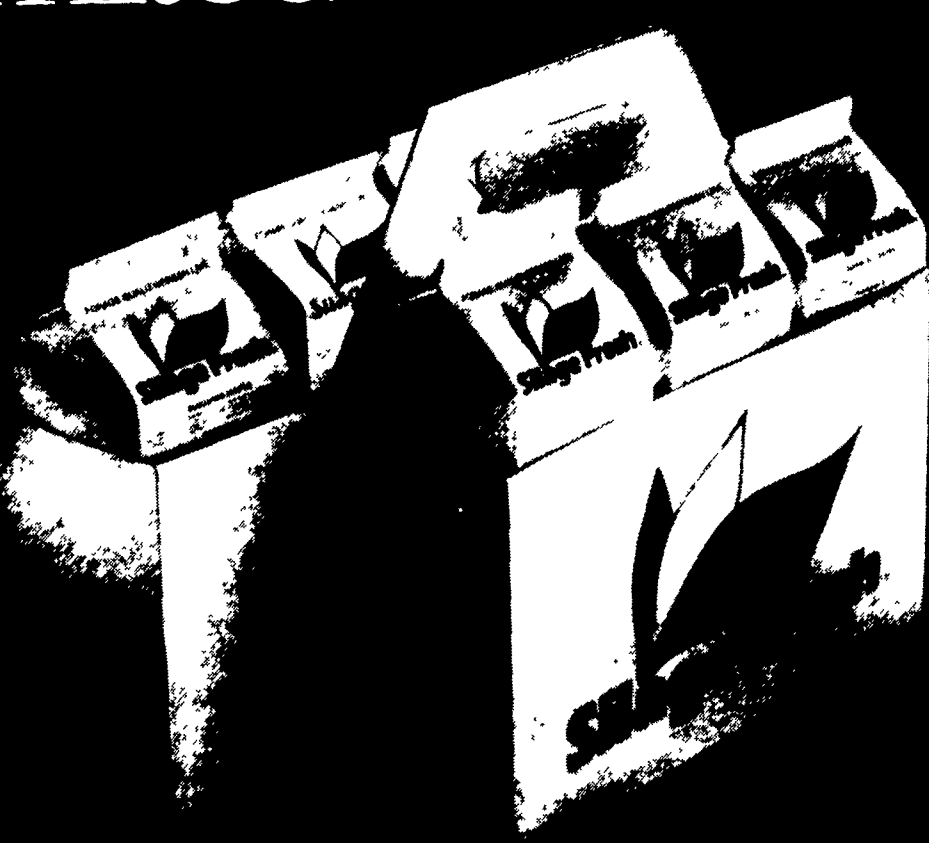
## Training Offered

WEST CHESTER (Chester) — Community-minded individuals are needed to receive training as Master Finance Counselors to assist families in need of personal debt counseling. Other volunteers are being recruited from service organizations, agencies, churches and community groups. The training will consist of five three-hour sessions and the topics will include counseling techniques, basic money management, credit use and available community resources.

In addition to preparation time, most Master Finance Counselors will need to devote one or two hours a week meeting with one or two family clients. The only charge for the training will be the purchase of the Counselor's Guideline Manual which provides case studies, forms to use and a list of financial management resources.

If you would like to donate some time to become a Master Finance Counselor in Chester County, please contact LeAnna Wheeler, Family Resource Management Agent, Chester County Cooperative Extension, at 693-3500.

# Limited Addition

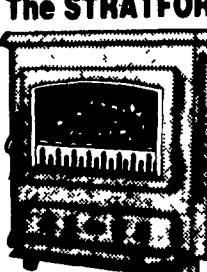


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