

# Mother's Day Auction Benefits Lancaster Christian Schools

LANCASTER — Two complete auctions will be featured at the third annual Mother's Day Weekend Auction for the benefit of Lancaster Christian Schools. These auctions will be held Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May

13, at the school, 651 Lampeter Road, Lancaster.

The entire "after-closing inventory" of hardware supplies from Mumma's Firestone Store of Mt. Joy will be auctioned at 9 a.m. Saturday under the tent located on

the school property.

At the same time in the school gym collectibles, quilts, Winross trucks, antiques, office equipment and much more will also be auctioned.

For the third year, we have a beautiful selection of Wedgewood china from the estate of Byron & Elaine Born. Founding members of the Wedgewood Society, they were the premier private collectors of Wedgewood internationally. Included in the auction will be 170 pieces they owned.

At 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, our selection of more than 50 Winross trucks will be auctioned. Selections feature N.G. Hershey, E.K. Bare, White Oak Mills, Bo's Body Shop, 1988 Presidential Campaign, and others.

This year we are pleased to feature a Ben Brubaker-handcrafted Lancaster County farmhouse which will be auctioned at noon.

More than 35 quilts, some Amish, and wall hangings will be auctioned at 1 p.m.

Two local artists will be at the school. On Friday and Saturday, Frances Starr Taylor will do charcoal portraits, while Lynn Yancha features a print with original re-

marks explaining the process on Saturday.

Festivities begin Friday evening with a ham supper and preview. There will be clown face-painting, hayrides and ponyrides

for the children while you preview all the auction merchandise. The gift certificate auction will start at 6:30 p.m. featuring four tickets to a Penn State football game as well as many from local restaurants, clothing stores, hairdressers and others.

Doors open Saturday at 7 a.m. for breakfast. The auction begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

In addition to the art and collectibles, hundreds of other items

including automobiles, craft items a Steve VanOrmer hand made Chippendale Mirror, furniture, large and small appliances, toys, games, sports equipment and many other items will be auctioned.

Our Kids Clothing Korner will be open for the second year featuring new and used clothing, toys, and other items for infants through teens. These items will be on sale Friday evening and all day Saturday.

Lots of good food will be available all day.

Lancaster Christian School is located between Bridgeport and Lampeter, one mile from the traffic light at Rt. 462.

## Spectacular Orchids

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pending upon the particular plant's needs. The greenhouse temperature is held to around 70 degrees.

Given the proper care, orchids are virtually immortal. Some species bloom once per year, others several times, while still others bloom continuously. When they do bloom, the flowers of a single plant can perfume John's entire greenhouse; yet some varieties produce no scent whatsoever.

Corsages for Mother's Day or the senior prom won't come from Dunkelberger's greenhouse. He is not a commercial grower, but he does hold one sale per year to "give him some space" and cover the costs of his "addiction." In fact, there are just a few commercial orchid growers in the state; most are found in California, Texas or Florida.

John testifies that he has put in his 30 years with orchids because he loves them. "Why do people jog?" he asked. "Their faces are set in iron masks — they're in pain. Well this, (orchid raising) for me is fun," he said.

John's love for the plant led him to earn the title of accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. To qualify, one must have grown orchids for at least five years. Then, after serving three years as a

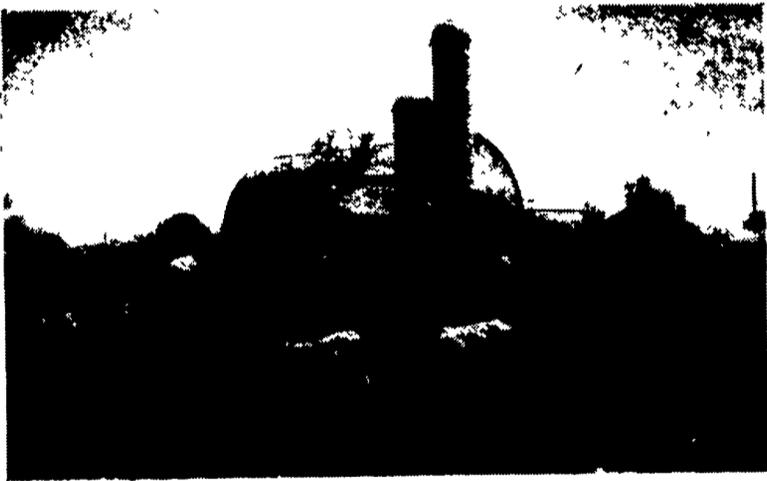
student judge, a probationary period of another three years follows. During the probationary period, the "judge to be" must attend three shows at his or her "home center." In John's case, his home center was Philadelphia, and he readily admits, "I've worn a couple of cars out becoming an accredited judge." Since he has earned his accreditation, Dunkelberger must judge four shows per year to maintain the status.

During the next year, he plans to judge shows in Pittsburgh, Washington, Baltimore, Harrisburg, Rochester, and Allentown. Additionally, John was the show chairman of this year's Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show. John receives no remuneration for his judging efforts. "Orchid growers have a certain uniformity of craziness about them," he joked. Maybe so, but any Pennsylvanian interested in the majestic orchid can be thankful that, after 30 years, John Dunkelberger's still experimenting with his beloved plants.

The Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society is open to all persons, whether growers or enthusiasts. Meetings are held at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of every month in Room 123, Headhouse #1, behind Tyson Building at the University Park Campus of the Penn State University.

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