

Christmas And Gift Show Draws Thousands

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—If you can't find the perfect gift at the Pennsylvania Christmas and Gift Show, then you can't find it anywhere. The massive show, with 356 exhibitors and 434 booths, held at the state Farm Show Complex on November 28 through December 2, attracted 35,000 people.

This was the seventh year for the show that is housed in 17 buildings and eight tents at the Complex.

"Most people come to do their holiday shopping because they have a tremendous array from which to buy," said Dick Mahoney, who organizes the annual

show.

But the show isn't all shopping. To attend the workshops, demonstrations, and entertainment, requires several days.

The Reading Company Technical and Historical Society operates a multi-train display with 100 feet of track. Terry Lynn, a former ice capades skater, presents a dazzling ice show four times daily. Bands, singers, and pianists appear for daily entertainment.

Cooking clinics feature healthy, economical meals that can be prepared in 15 minutes.

Craft demonstrations include bow making, wreath making, scarf tying, oil painting, doll accessories, tree ornaments, swag arrange-

ments, and holiday cards.

Those who like ideas for decorating Christmas trees and mantels, found 28 decorated trees and six Christmas displays among the booths, which had such items as earrings to match scarves, all nut fruit cakes, cloth lampshades, and lamps made from soda bottles.

Mahoney said, every year the show is expanded. Next year, the complete Christmas Ice Show from Naples, Florida, will appear.

Every year, the five-day show opens the first Wednesday after Thanksgiving. For more information on the 1991 Pennsylvania Christmas Show, write to P.O. box 37, Wallingford, PA 19086 or call (717) 233-5100.



Those with a sweet tooth were delighted to find Steiermark Goat Milk Fudge from Battic, Ohio. Steiermark raises Alpine goats and makes fudge in three different flavors.



Although Albert Zull and his wife, Marle, retired as postmasters, they carried their love for the antique post office boxes with them by making miniature banks out of them. Each bank has an original door with solid brass locks. The couple also uses premium hardwoods to make clocks, wooden jewelry and other wooden creations.



The Red Nose Reindeer from Potomac, Maryland displayed traditional homemade holiday ornaments, wreaths, centerpieces, and, of course, reindeer.



Although paralyzed, Gary Tomlinson taught himself to paint with his mouth. Shoppers were fascinated with his realistic decoys of pheasant, quail, and ruffed grouse. Tomlinson's Loft-N-Crafts is located at 238 Red Hill Rd., Pequea.



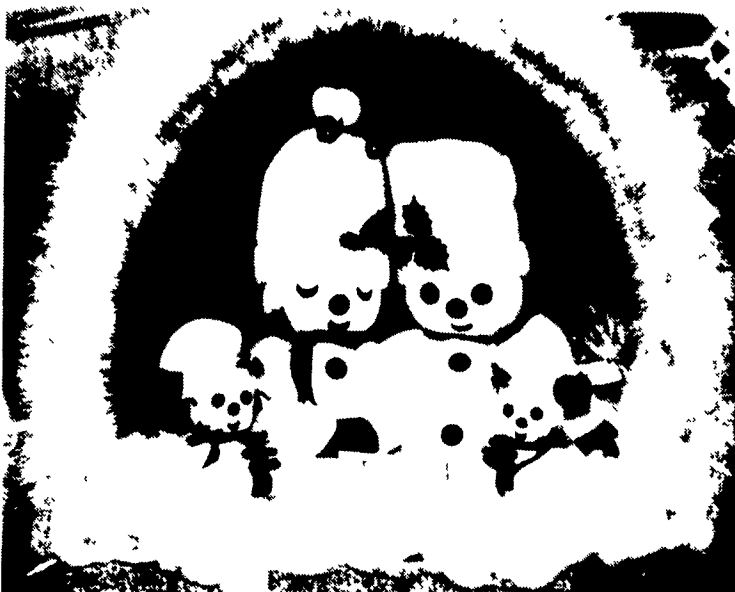
Ruth Wonder Sillik of Lebanon fascinated young and old with the antics of mopkins.



Delightful dolls dressed in holiday finery appeared in several displays.



Ann Marie Webb of Columbia, Maryland, tempted shoppers by offering them a sample of her instant holiday wassail.



This delightful snowman family is an L. Payne Originals from Weatherly.



Antoinette Caswell from the Lion's View in West Fairview had an usual display of hand-carved horses.

