

Landis Valley Museum Holds National Exhibition

LANDIS VALLEY (Lancaster Co.) — Early American Life magazine, in conjunction with Landis Valley Museum, is offering its third annual exhibition of Traditional American Crafts March 27 to April 30.

Displayed at Landis Valley will be furniture, tin, pewter, folk art, baskets, textiles, and other works produced by artisans selected by an expert panel of judges in a blind competition to be among the 200 Best Traditional American Craftsmen. The list is published annually in *Early American Life's* August issue.

In addition to the exhibition, on March 27-28 and again on April 10, museum craftspeople will demonstrate such early American skills as gunsmithing, cabinetry, bobbin lace making, leather working, and hearth cooking.

Frances Carnahan, editor and publisher of *Early American Life* said, "The exhibition represents the skills and creativity of more than 100 of the most talented artisans working in America today. There will be things made by hand, sometimes with authentic tools, and reproductions so skillfully executed that it is difficult to tell them from the originals.

Landis Valley Museum is the largest museum highlighting Pennsylvania German rural heritage. Set amidst a rural landscape, the complex includes numerous historical buildings ranging from barns and a tavern to smokehouses and craft shops.

Some of the buildings have been relocated to the museum, while others are recreations of a country store, a tavern, and a 1700s farm with a log house and

barn. The museum also features historic breeds of domestic animals and a flourishing heirloom seed program.

The Landis Valley Museum is located in the heart of the area settled by German families well before the American Revolution. Amish and Mennonite farms blanket the countryside, and the area is famous for down-home, Pennsylvania-German food such as sauerkraut, scrapple, pot pie, schmierkase, and pretzels. Wheatland, the home of President James Buchanan, is in the area, and there are antique shops on almost every road. For a free map and visitor's guide to Lancaster County, contact the Pennsylvania Dutch Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-735-2529 (ext. 2322).

Admission to both the craft exhibition and the Museum, March 27-31, is \$5 for adults, \$4 for sen-

ior citizens, and \$3 for children from 6 to 17. Beginning April 1, prices are \$1 higher. The Museum is open from 9 to 5 Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 5 on Sunday. The Museum is closed on Easter Sunday and on Mondays.

Landis Valley Museum is located 2.5 miles NE of Lancaster on Rt. 272/Oregon Pike, a marked exit off both Rt. 30 and Rt. 222. A

state-owned museum, it is operated by the PA Historical and Museum Commission with assistance from the Landis Valley Associates. Individuals with disabilities who need special assistance or accommodation should call in advance to discuss their needs. The museum's number is (717) 569-0401.

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HAPPENINGS

Rose and, in production, four students competed to be star Red Rose in production.

In production James Findley of the Penn Manor chapter received the Star award.

In Agribusiness, Wade Espenshade of the Grassland Chapter received the Star award with his work experience project where he works on a dairy farm. Wade has been chaplain for his FFA chapter and is vice president.

Red Rose Degrees

On Tuesday, February 23, 41 FFA students were selected to receive their Red Rose Degree.

The Red Rose Degree is for students who are active in their FFA chapters and are currently a junior in high school.

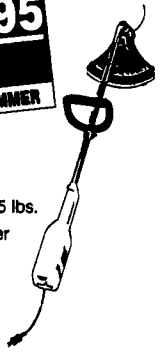
In the area of agribusiness, five students competed for the star Red

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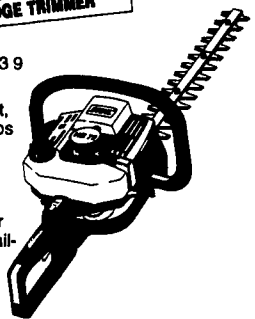
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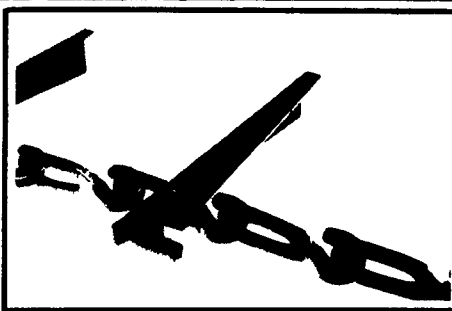
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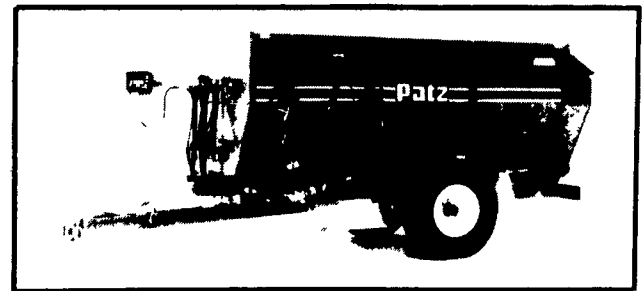
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