

# Spend \$63,530 And What Do You Get? Happy Volunteers!

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— Dollar value of their voluntary time in the program was estimated at \$63,530, according to Penn State, but their actual contributions will last a lifetime.

Graduates of the 1991-1992 Lancaster County Master Gardener Program calmly and happily received their laurels last week at a special graduation ceremony held in the basement of the Farm and Home Center. Yes, they were the ones that started the renowned Idea

Garden, of which surrounds the entrance to the building. And yes, all 22 of them participated in the beginnings of the Urban Gardening Program sponsored by Penn State.

"They're all very special, and each has done a wonderful job with the program," according to instructor Bruce Hellerick, extension horticulturist.

Even though the graduates, many with their families standing by proudly, were through with the program (and the group collectively accumulated exactly 2,589 hours of instruction, made 1,187 phone calls, visited 143 locations, conducted two media interviews, and held 124 meetings), they stood by to learn even more. Because at the program, Rick Lewandowski,

Morris Arboretum, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, provided insights into "New, Underutilized, and Emerging Plants For Today's Landscape."

The plants ranged from the Blue Mist Dwarf Fothergilla (*Fothergilla gardenii* 'Blue Mist') to Duke Gardens Plum-yew (*Cephalotaxus harringtonia* var. *drupacea* 'Duke Gardens.'

The Master Gardener graduates are Donald E. Beers, Mary M. Bitting, Nancy N. Dishong, Arlene Ditzler, Laurie A. Elsoos, Joyce C. Ember, Carol A. Emerson, Elaine C. Fisher, Ann Foley, Rose Marie Haag, Eric Habegger, Sara F. Hannum, Patricia Hines, Jonathan W. Kreider, Elizabeth L. Lenton, Hans G. Lienhard, George E. Lilly, Susan J. Patterson, Barbara Jo Porter, Karen Shimko, Eileen S. Shimp, and Katherine Witbeck.



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## Museum Needs Vendors

WESTMINSTER, Md. — Table space is available for vending white elephant items during the Community Jubilee Days held at the Carroll County Farm Museum on May 14, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

If you or your organization wish to get involved with this event, contact Brenda Lerner, Bureau of Aging, at (410) 848-4049, 876-3363, or 875-3342, for more details. Approximately 1,000 visitors attend this event annually.

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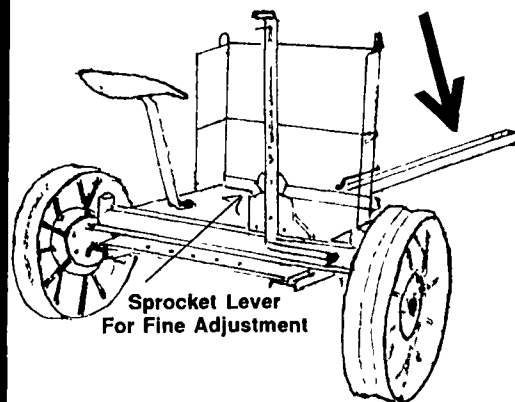
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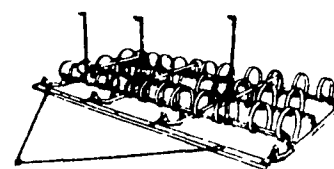
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