

Wernersville Culinary Caper Will Delight Taste Buds

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— What do you get when you put together 10 pounds of leeks, five to seven pounds of red potatoes, five gallons of chicken broth, two gallons of milk, two pounds of butter, and five or so cups of flour?

Enough leek and potato soup to feed about 500 — small samples, of course, said Chef Doug Folk of The American House in Stouchsburg.

Why 500 people? That's how many are expected to pass through the home of Susan and Stratton Yatron, 422 Hill Road, on Monday, May 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The occasion is the club's "Culinary Caper," a fund-raising project of the Junior and Senior Woman's Clubs of Wernersville. Seven homes in the borough and surrounding townships are scheduled for the tour, which participants can take at their leisure during the day.

Special treats in each of the buildings will be culinary samples from some of the area's restaurants.

"We just went to some of our favorite places and asked them to participate," said Phyllis Daniels, president of the club, about how the restaurants were chosen.

"The chefs are the main focus of the tour," said Marlene Ochs, chairman of the event. Other food samples along the tour include scallop dishes, pastry and desserts, she said.

Floral arrangements by several area florists also will grace each building.

Some of the homes, such as that of the Yatron's, are historic, which dates back to 1854. The first building on the tour, the Lerch Tavern along Penn Avenue, was built in 1797 to accommodate travelers.

It is listed on the Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Buildings, the National Register of Historic Buildings, and the Berks County Conservancy. Cookies from Charlie's Bakery will be served here, and floral arrangements from Laysers Florists of Myerstown will be on display.

Other's, such as the sample home of Green Valley Estates II, is designated as "Mansion" style with many modern amenities.

Food samples here will be prepared by the chef of Crystal Springs Restaurant in Sinking Spring, and floral arrangements are by Green Valley Nursery and Florist, Sinking Spring.

The purpose for the tour of homes is to raise funds to improve the community, specifically the construction of a children's play



A scrumptious leek and potato soup is easy to make, following the directions of Chef Doug Folk of The American House, Stouchsburg, as he chops the main ingredient, leeks. Learning some tricks of the chef's trade are Susie Yatron, left, whose kitchen Folk is using, and Phyllis Daniels and Marlene Ochs of the Wernersville Woman's Club.

unit in Greth Memorial Park, said Phyllis Daniels, president of the club.

In addition to the three buildings mentioned above, others on the tour are the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fry, 323 Edison St. The original brick structure was built in 1918. It was the first house built in the "new development" of Wernersville Heights.

Baked goods from the Baker's Basket of Fredericksburg will be available for tour-goer's taste buds here. Floral arrangements will be designed by Robeson Flowers, Inc.

The home of Mr. & Mrs. John Volpe, 14 Weaver Rd., was built in 1986, with each room imaginatively decorated. Food samples will be served by the chef from the Apple Inn of Reading. Floral decorations are by The Floral Studio, Wyomissing.

Hand-hewn logs from the original 1700s structure figure prominently in the refurbished home of Kathy M. Scogna, 695 N. Church Road. Food samples will be presented by the chef of R. John's Olde Haus, Womelsdorf, and floral arrangements are by Davis Florists, Wernersville.

The two-story Victorian style home of Melinda and Dorrald Adolph, 800 N. Church Road, features a six-tiered flower garden.

Food samples will be provided by the chef of the Lantern Lodge, Myerstown, and floral arrangements are by The Nosegay, Bernville.

The tour will be held rain or shine. Advance tickets are \$7 and can be purchased by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to

GFWC Wernersville, 310 N. Walnut St., Wernersville, PA 19565.

These local businesses also have tickets: Keller's Beauty Shoppe, Hummel Florist, Wernersville Public Library, and Davis Florist.

Tickets the day of the event are \$8 and can be purchased at Lerch Tavern.



Chef Doug Folk of The American House, Stouchsburg, shows Susie Yatron how to prepare a delicious leek and potato soup. Yatron's home is one of seven stops on the Wernersville Culinary Caper on Monday, May 17, a fund-raising project by the Jr. and Sr. Woman's Clubs of Wernersville.



Committee chairperson Trudy Schultz, left, and garden owner Mary Lou Haddad discuss plans for the third annual garden tour in which eight gardens will be featured.

Tour Features Eight Gardens

BOYERTOWN (Berks Co.) — Boyertown Sister Cities will sponsor its third annual Garden Tour on Saturday, May 15, from noon to 5 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, May 16.

Eight garden tours feature a potpourri of horticultural styles. The spacious town property of Mary Lou and Charles Haddad is highlight by stately, mature trees and shrubs, many of which were established by the late Isaac and Margaret Stauffer. A grand oak tree anchors the Boyertown garden of Kathryn and Jack Carver, featuring raised flower beds surrounded by a stone wall and ornamental shrubs and trees, accented with perennials. Neighbors, Betty and Gerald Karver, replaced most of their shrubbery in 1990, and their garden offers spring bulbs, roses, and a mix of annuals and

perennials. The spacious garden of Mildren and Kermit Lenhart contains a pond and gazebo and hosts a fascinating variety of shrubbery and trees. Many of the rhododendrons, azaleas, roses, and holly were propagated by the Lenharts in their 30-foot lath house.

Botanical lecturer and field guide, Ann Newbold, established the Glen Flora Preserve as a haven for more than 1,000 species of wild flowers on eight-acres of varied habitat. While walking around the two-acre pond, visitors can enjoy pink lady slippers, yellow moccasin flowers, trilliums, Virginia bluebells, and dame's rockets. Mrs. Newbold will offer guided half-hour tours at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Vicki Benyo,



Standing outside the Yatron home are Marlene Ochs, Phyllis Daniels, Doug Folk, and Susie Yatron. The Yatron home, built in 1854, was renovated in 1988. It is one of seven stops on the Wernersville Culinary Caper on Monday, May 17.