

Carolyn Martin

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design, Carolyn continued to dabble in it for her own home decor and for those of friends. Continual interest in her arrangements inspired Carolyn to begin to hold open houses in her own home about four times a year.

At her open houses, she has numerous arrangements displayed on the walls, table tops, and floors.

The opportunity to see arrangements in their setting helps people visualize what the arrangement might look like in their own home.

Those who attend the shows may either purchase items on display or request a custom made design. Some bring along wallpaper

and draperies samples, containers, and measurements to order coordinating arrangements.

To prepare for these shows requires a lot of time and materials. Several years ago the Weavers built a spacious two-story home with a three-bay garage. The garage is heated so that Carolyn can work and store the supplies in it.

About four years ago, Carolyn started working part time for a wholesale flower business doing repeat designs. Recently, the owner's health problems resulted in the business closing down.

While Carolyn contemplated buying her former employer's business or expanding her own, she is cautious to do so because she does not want to become tied down to running a business.

She said, "I still need to be a mother and housewife. Doing something like this on the side brings a lot of satisfaction. It's a nice break from everyday chores and something I enjoy doing."



Carolyn straightens the bird house tucked in a door arrangement.

Carolyn's arrangements will be featured at the Rothsville home of Ken and Deb Weaver during the Kitchen Kapers Tulip Tour, sponsored by the Ephrata Woman's Club on April 25. (See the kitchen tour article in this section for more details).

This is the first year that Caro-

lyn's work has been included in the tour. Although her own home is not included in the Kitchen Kapers Tour this year, she will hold her own open house at 1230 E. Newport Rd., Lititz, on May 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is needed on this day to view Carolyn's work.

A window-frame arrangement gives a light airy effect for spring.



Carolyn often changes the floral arrangements in her home by inserting materials suitable for the season.

Television: How Much Is Too Much For Children?

NEWARK, Del. — Television, when properly used, can stimulate a child's educational and creative activity. It can suggest new ways of seeing and understanding life, and may help improve vocabularies.

But how much is too much? The average U.S. household has at least one television set turned on for about 7 hours each day. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends limiting a child's viewing to one or two supervised hours a day.

"Because very young children do not think in the same way

adults do and lack the maturity and experience of adults, they shouldn't have unlimited access to the television," says Maria Pippidis, Cooperative Extension home economics agent at the University of Delaware.

Pippidis says children cannot make objective evaluations, cannot form logical conclusions and cannot sort out relevant data about the things they see on television.

If you are concerned about your family's viewing habits, Pippidis suggests keeping a log of how many hours children spend in front of the TV each day.

"Decide how much programming you are willing to let a child watch," she says. "Then read through the television section on Sunday evening and make your selections for the coming week."

"Watch with your children so you can discuss the programs and relate them to your own lives," she adds. "Discussions led by an adult can dramatically improve the value of almost any program."

Use television as a springboard for projects, find places on a map, explore nature or write down your child's dictated story.

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