

Gwen Owens

Fashion, Food, Healthful Lifestyles Focus Of Homemakers' **Program**

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) --Want to know how to dress for less, juggle family and career, cook a Thai dessert, trace the Pennsylvania Dutch heritage, and create a healthy lifestyle with an anticancer action plan?

You may learn all this and more at the Berks County Extension Spring Awareness Day on Tuesday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Berks County Ag Center.

Gwen Owens, News 8 anchor for WGAL TV 8, will tell how she manages to juggle a full-time career, two children, marriage, a long daily commute, and church and community activities.

Nancy Dibbs, mother of five children and a bank teller, will share her secrets for enhancing her and her family's wardrobes. She said, "I believe clothes are not an

investment, they are disposable and you should not pay much for them.'

A variety of designer and brand name clothes that she purchased will be modeled during her humorous talk.

Nipa Hammond, a native of Thailand will talk about the cultrue and customs of families and demonstrate making a Thai dessert.

The message is clear from Ann Rollman, R.N. M.S.N., OCN, that lifestyle changes and preventive screening and testing may reduce your cancer risk. Research in cancer prevention and detection has changed remarkable during the last decade. Rollman will tell you how to create a healthy lifestyle with an anti-cancer action plan.

Claude Reich, PhD. will explore the roots of the Pennsylvania Dutch in a slide presentation of tracing his heritage to southwest Germany.

Reservations are limited and due by March 31. The \$7 fee includes meal and program. Make check payable to Berks County Extension Homemakers Fund, and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for your ticket return. No one will be admitted without a ticket. Reservations should be mailed to Mary Binkley, 234 N. Galen Hall Rd., Wernersville, PA

New **Eco-Textiles**

From sheets and towels fashioned from cotton (actually grown in colors) to attractive floor mats made from recycled tire rubber. earth-friendly products are making their way into the home textiles market, reports The Soap and Detergent Association.

Other exciting developments include Fortrel Ecospun, a fiber made from 100% recycled postconsumer plastic, and a water-based Teflon Fabric Protector. The former is used in fiberfill for pillows, mattress pads and upholstered furniture, apparel and crafts. The latter is 100% solvent free. Earthwise is a yarn dyeing process that is professed to be free from heavy metals and formaldehyde. Colors are derived from vegetables, insects, berries and flowers.

Tires are not the only things on the reuse circuit. Manufacturers are producing lap shawls made from recycled wool, chindi rugs made from cotton shirt scraps and bath accessories from recycled glass.

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