

# The Country Stay Bed And Breakfast

(Continued from Page B3) full-course dinner and even sung old hymns for the guests. This bed and breakfast is designed for couples, not families

interested in a hands-on farming experience for their children.

It is open year-round, but winter months are usually only full on weekends. Beginning in April through the fall season, the rooms are booked solid almost every night.

In the past, Darlene has handled all the work of laundering linens daily, she irons the sheets, prepares breakfasts, shops daily for supplies, cleans, decorates, and makes crafts for guests to purchase. That's quite an undertaking when added to the yard work and her responsibilities to her own family. In a few weeks, she plans to hire part-time help.

"I don't want my own children to feel that I was too busy to take

care of them," she said.

Although Darlene appreciates the guests' exclamations of her beautifully-furnished home, she is more thrilled to hear again and again, "There's something so special about this home. The minute I walked into it, I felt so peaceful and loved."

Darlene explains, "I contribute that feeling to God's love. I pray for each guest as I make the beds and before I serve breakfast. I want this to be a haven where people can come and feel God's peace and presence.

"To do all this work is empty of meaning if I had no reason for doing what I'm doing," said Darlene who believes the bed and breakfast opened up a whole new

opportunity for her to use her hospitality gifts of serving and mercy.

"I feel very fulfilled to provide a service people really enjoy. It's exhaustive work, moments when I feel I can't go on," Darlene said. "Yet it is rewarding. It's the best thing we could have done."

For more information about The Country Stay Bed and Breakfast, call or write Lester and Darlene Landis at 2285 Bull Moose Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552, (717) 367-5167.

Check accompanying article for information on the annual benefit auction of the Kraybill Mennonite School, where a certificate for the bed and breakfast will be auctioned.

## School Benefit Auction

MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.) — The 17th annual Kraybill Mennonite School Benefit Auction will be held Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, at the school, 598 Kraybill Church Road, Mount Joy.

On Friday, May 13, beginning at 5:00 p.m. enjoy a Southern Style Pig Roast and an ice cream sundae bar. Tickets can be purchased prior to the roast or that evening. Take-outs are available.

If crafts and plants are your favorites, stop by the craft and plant sale from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Crafts will include country pillows, hand-made baskets, eucalyptus wreaths and much more. Also, preview the beautiful quilts and fine art slated to be auctioned. Choose your favorites for bidding on Saturday!

Baseball card collectors - be sure to visit the card stand at the craft area to find that missing card!

Visit the outdoor plant area and choose from a variety of hardy bedding plants and beautiful perennials. Also meet KMS's own "Plant Doctor", Tom Fredlund, a professional landscaper, on Friday evening and get answers to your most thorny plant questions.

The gavel strikes at 6:45 p.m. when more than 100 Winross trucks will be auctioned along with a few service oriented gift certificates from local merchants.

Saturday, May 14, from 7:00-9:00 a.m. feast on a hearty country breakfast of omelets and home fries or pancakes and sausage. After breakfast, view the spectacular countryside, from a tethered hot air balloon! Rides will lift off from 8:00-10:00 a.m., weather permitting.

For those of you who like to "wear your words", custom printed T-shirts will be hot off the press between 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The auction will begin at 9 a.m. and feature a large variety of new merchandise donated by local businesses, handcrafted items, fine art and collectibles, furniture, bark mulch (at 11 a.m.) and - at 1:30 p.m. more than 20 beautiful quilts, wall hangings and braided rugs.

High quality, handmade quilts are a tradition at KMS! A few of this year's quilts include Country Rose and Spring Flower Garden (both appliqued). Mariners Compass, Album and the KMS Eighth-grade Log Cabin. Some matching wall hangings are also available.

In addition, one Williamsburg Blue and several Hunter Green Mount Joy Hometown cotton throws will be auctioned. Cranberry throws will be available for purchase at the craft stands.

An outstanding collectors edition is being offered this year! A one of a kind remarque, by P. Buckley Moss, will be featured at the auction. The remarque is entitled, "The White Barn" and features extensive original painting on the print, making it a unique collectors item.

Other special features include P. Buckley Moss rare print, David Brumbach limited edition print, a collection of prints and one limited edition from Amish artist Susie Riehl, originals and prints of the Star Barn and the Hans Herr House and an original oil - subject of the bidder's choice - by renowned local artist Linn Longenecker, and Kraybill Mennonite Church armetale banks.

Fresh strawberry pie, chicken barbecue, home baked goods and funnel cakes are among the goodies available all day long.

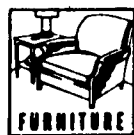
Children's activities include Kid's Craft Table, the Pocket Lady, movies, playground, and more.

Auction proceeds benefit Kraybill Mennonite School.

For information about the auction, contact Kraybill Mennonite School at (717) 653-5236 or KMS, 598 Kraybill Church Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552.



Guests enjoy the nostalgia of days gone by when they play old-time favorites on this player piano located in the sitting room decorated with homemade crafts and herb wreaths that can be purchased for lingering memories.



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