

# Create Memories At Landis Valley Fair

LANDIS VALLEY (Lancaster Co.) — Create memories for you and your family at Lancaster's Landis Valley Fair the weekend of June 4-5. Visit a 1700s hunting camp, lacemaker or baker, watch horses pull plows or carriages, help your child play dress up or use early lighting devices.

Fairgoers may enjoy more than 65 activities and events, ranging from a magic show, performances by the Lancaster Co. Folk Music & Fiddlers' Society, sheep, rabbit and peep hatching exhibits to blacksmithing, knife, and band-box making.

This 38th annual event at a scenic museum complex includes many hands-on activities for children and adults, such as cake walks, pie-eating contests, and making old-fashioned toys like button whizzers. The young at heart will also want to join in hay-play, spelling bees, and many old-fashioned games like sack races, sing along with Ubi Adams, take a pony ride, use an auger and have an 1890s school lesson.

Landis Valley, rated "exceptional" by AAA, is the largest Pennsylvania German museum. Its many historical buildings, from farmsteads and a tavern to craft shops and a firehouse, will be open. Visitors will also enjoy seeing kitchen gardens, groves, and

orchards, and browsing at the herb and heirloom plant sale. The Fair includes tasty country food such as sausage sandwiches.

On Saturday of the Fair the Shop will feature Louise Stoltzfus and Jan Mast signing their book, LANCASTER COUNTY COOK-BOOK.

Visitors will learn about traditional crafts and skills with demonstrations of 1700s angling, the autoharp, basketry, bookbinding, brick making, broom making, chair caning, coppersmithing, flax processing, gunsmithing, leather working, printing, punched paper embroidery, rug hooking, shoe-making, stone carving, tin-smithing, early veterinary practices, wagon making, weaving, wood carving and many other early arts.

The museum's historical farming program is adding two new major features. On Saturday a Plowfest will be taking place most of the day. Visitors will see skilled horse teams plowing a field. On Sunday the Red Rose Carriage Club will perform precision movements (dressage), displaying a variety of horses and carriages. To raise funds for the museum's farming program, volunteers will be running Cow Chip Bingo at the Log Farm.



The Plowfest shows old-time plowing by horses, mules, oxen, and ponies. Participants will plow down the field, drag it, disk it, and plant. Visitors can watch the entire process.

The public will delight in meeting a variety of Civil War era personages - The Patriot Daughters of Lancaster, deeply concerned about the welfare of Union troops; the Lancaster Guard, showing camp life and medical procedures;

Southern women visiting Wheatland, who find themselves behind Union lines at the War's start.

Most activities will be under roof and will go on rain or shine. Admission is free for ages 5 & under, \$5 for ages 6-17, \$6 for

ages 60+ and \$7 for adults. No discounts or group rates apply at the event. It is located 2.5 miles north of Lancaster on Rt. 272/Oregon Pike, a marked exit off both Rt. 30 & Rt. 222. Call (717) 569-0401 for more information.

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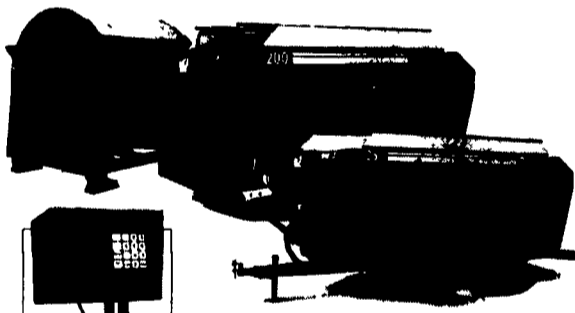
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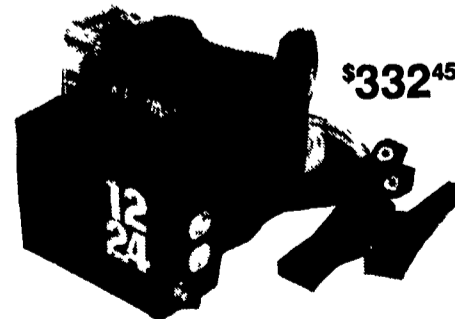
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