

# Bollinger Home Is One Of Seven Open For Tour

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For years, Sandy Bollinger has been strolling through homes opened for tours.

"You can get a lot of good ideas," Sandy said of the chance to observe other people's interior decoration.

Now, she's reciprocating by opening her home for the Kitchen Kaper Tulip Tour on April 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Her home, along with six other homes on the tour, blooms with ideas for decorating, cooking, and flower arranging.

For the eighth year, the participating homes on the day of the tour will be decorated by a local florist or greenhouse and a chef from an area restaurant will offer samples of culinary art.

An arts and crafts sale will be held at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren, 201 Crescent Ave., Ephrata, during the tour. Although some tickets will be available there, to assure a ticket, send for tickets in advance. Tickets are \$7 per person (children will not be allowed without a ticket). Include payment with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Elsie Minnich, 1141 Joann Ave., Ephrata, PA 17522 or call (717) 733-1075.

All proceeds from the tour sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Club of Ephrata will be donated to local charities.

Sandy and her husband Daryl own a spacious home built on farmland at 120 Briar Hill Road in Rothsville.

The 3,000-square foot home reflects the family's hobbies.



The Bollinger's home is one of seven opened during the eighth annual Kitchen Kaper Tulip Tour on April 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



This magnificent white mountain goat on rocky terrain offers an unique entrance to guests who enter the foyer at the Bollinger home. Nine-year-old Ryan dreams of the day when he can accompany his dad on hunts to the West and Alaska.

Daryl collects old sale bills, several of which are framed and hang on the walls. Both husband and wife buy antiques and collectibles to furnish the spacious home.

Daryl's mounted wildlife trophies are incorporated into the decor. A magnificent white mountain goat greets guests who enter at the front foyer. Mounted mule deer, antelope, and water fowl from his hunts to the West and to Alaska hang on the walls of his in-home office, where Daryl and two sons manage a home improvement business.

Sandy, too, has recently started an in-home business called Sandy Bollinger's Design. Her love for gardening and drying flowers started as a hobby. After several years of making her own wreaths, centerpieces, and floral arrangements, friends and acquaintances began requesting them. Now Sandy sells custom designs to individuals and to local shops. She also dries and makes her own potpourri mixtures.

Although much of her handiwork is interspersed throughout the home, on the day of the open house, Esbenshade's Greenhouse will do the floral arrangements.

The Bollinger home is situated on 4 1/2 acres.

"We both grew up on dairy farms, so we wanted some elbow room," Daryl said.

Nine-year-old son Ryan raises a



Throughout the year, Sandy welcomes guests with her own floral arrangements. On the day of the tour, Esbenshades Greenhouse will provide floral designs throughout the Bollinger's home.

few sheep, cats, and a horse on the land. One of the Bollinger's three sons is married and another will marry in May.

The Black Horse Inn will serve samples of one of their house specialties on the day of the tour.

Here is a brief description of the other homes open for the Tulip Tour.

• Jere Lyn and Richard Eidemiller, 442 Countryside Dr., Ephrata, built their brick Cape Cod home with a living basement complete with eating facilities. The light and bright main entrance has wall stencilling that continues into the dining room, where there's a beautiful antique oak table and hand-carved chair backs. The comfy living room has an open fireplace and windowwall overlooking the deck and garden. The kitchen has light oak cupboards and porcelain knobs. A small



This huge hornet nest is from Sandy's parents' dairy farm and hangs in a corner off the family room.



During the tour, The Black Horse Inn will serve food samples to guests at the island where Ryan sits. The Bollingers call this their family kitchen because it includes a family room and a dining table in front of a fireplace. A formal dining room is behind the kitchen.