

Artist Uses Talent To Raise Money For School Benefit

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LITITZ (Lancaster Co.) — The calm beauty of "Evening Reflections" from New England will set a rosy glow in Lititz next weekend. The setting is the Lititz Area Mennonite Auction, where the watercolor original by Rosanne Burkholder will be auctioned at 1 p.m. on June 24. The watercolor is one of hundreds of items that will be sold to raise money for the school. "I donated the painting because I'm really impressed by what I see happening at the school," Rosanne said. This is the first year, that Rosanne and her husband Larry have a child attending the school.

The Burkholders' daughter Sara is in kindergarten. "She is really at an impressionable age and is absorbing values. The teachers are excellent and the values taught are worthwhile," Rosanne said of her decision to invest some of her own talent to raise money for the school. It's one of the reasons that many other parents, relatives, and friends say have influenced them to donate time, talent, and items to the school's 18th annual auction that begins on Friday, June 23 through June 24. Food and fun begin with a chicken barbecue from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday. The auction begins at 6 p.m. on Friday with crafts, flowers,

and certificates to be sold. At 8 p.m., a Winross truck and collectible toy auction will begin. Friday evenings is the time to preview the artwork and other items to be sold the following day. Saturday events begin at 6:30-9:30 a.m. with country style buffet breakfast. A large variety of Lancaster County foods will be available throughout the day. The auction begins at 9 a.m. with plants to be auctioned at 10 a.m. and certificates at 10:30 a.m. The name Ben Brubaker is well-known for doll houses. This year for the first time, Brubaker has crafted a Adirondack log cabin.

Other crafts include spool dolls and Longaberger look-alike baskets. The quilt auction includes designs such as Wedding Ring, Log Cabin Heart, Grandmother Fan Log Cabin, Rose of Sharon, Lancaster County Rose, Stars Over Georgetown, and many more. In addition to Rosanne's watercolor, 21 other art pieces will be auctioned on Saturday. As a member of the school's art committee, Rosanne helped gather work from artists Todd Ream, Mary Trees, Rosene Hollinger, and Marilyn Dwyer. Limited edition prints available are from Ralph Lindsey, Jeff Martin, Diane Stew-

art, Lena Liu, Patricia Hofer Ruder, and Lee Robinson. Throughout Friday evening and all day Saturday, children's activities and entertainment will continue. Sand art, face painting, train and pony rides, a ping pong goldfish toss, a bouncing castle, a dunking tank, Sparky the Clown, and a balloon sculptor are on the agenda. The school is located at 1050 East Newport Road, Lititz. Take 501 North through Lititz to Newport Road, turn right, to approximately 2 miles to the school on the right. For more information, call the school office at (717) 626-9551.

Penn State Releases Bat Video

WILLIAMSPORT (Lycoming Co.) — Bats are probably one of nature's most misunderstood animals. Because of legend and rumor, they are often thought of as a threat to mankind. The fact is, though, they are of great benefit to us. On an average night, a bat can eat upward of 2,000 flying pests, most of which will be mosquitoes. Encouraging bats in your area is of great benefit if you spend much time outside after dusk.

But bats nesting and living inside your attic or other room can be a nuisance and sanitation problem. A new video from Penn State addresses dealing with eliminating bats from your house while encouraging them in your neighborhood. It also shows how to construct bat houses for them to live in. The video is for loan, free of charge, by contacting the Penn State Cooperative Extension office in the Lycoming County Courthouse at (717) 327-2350.



Artist Rosanne Burkholder, holds her watercolor "Evening Reflections," which, along with hundreds of other items, will be auctioned during the Lititz Area Mennonite School's Benefit Auction held June 23-24.



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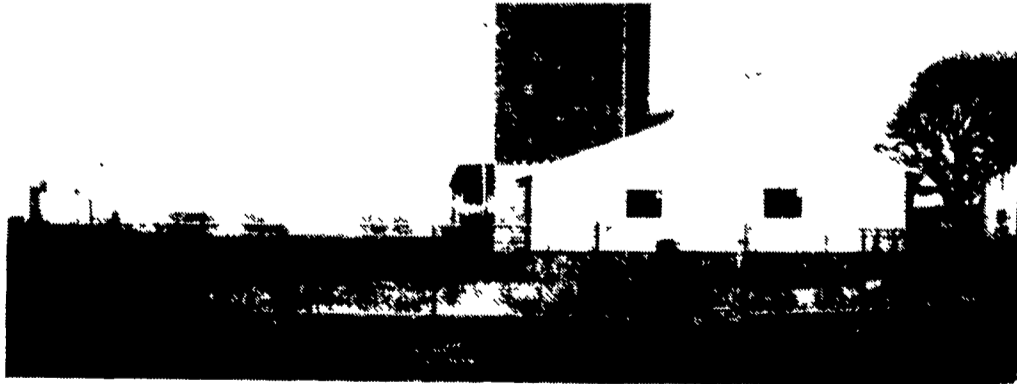
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