

You Ask We Answer

This column is for readers who have questions but don't know whom to ask for answers.

"You Ask—You Answer" is for non-cooking questions. When a reader sends in a question, it will be printed in the paper. Readers who know the answer are asked to respond by mailing the answer, which will then be printed in the paper.

Questions and Answers to this column should be addressed to You Ask—You Answer, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522. Attention: Lou Ann Good.

There's no need to send a SASE. If we receive an answer to your question, we will publish it as soon as possible.

QUESTION — Mrs. Joseph Boll, Harleysville, would like to know where to purchase mendettes, a small disc with a screw that fits a small hole in pans and holds the other side on.

QUESTION — Eva Eby, Manheim, would like to know how to get climatis vines to bloom.

QUESTION — Lois Burkholder, Washington Boro, wanted to know why her iris does not bloom.

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QUESTION — Margaret Diamond, Kunkletown, would appreciate information on hair embroidery, instructions on the craft, items owned with a history, or items for sale. Send it to 80 Evergreen Lake, Kunkletown, PA 18058-9329.

QUESTION — Joan Francisco, Stroudsburg, would like to know where to purchase oil of cassia, used in Italian cooking.

QUESTION — Norma Jean Yankey, Mt. Solon, Va., has a Burpee pressure canner Model #AR 1525. The screw in the control valve is weak and the pressure will not register properly. Does anyone know where she can find another control valve. The canner is approximately 40 years old.

QUESTION — Yvonne Lawrence, Newburgh, N.Y., would like to know where to purchase a rhubarb and soda mixture used for indigestion. She used to purchase it in a pharmacy but finds the New York pharmacies don't stock it anymore.

QUESTION — Mrs. William Pierce, Palmyra, would like to know where to purchase antique two-bottom dishes for crock-type chicken water fountains. Must be white with 10-inch top and 8-inch bottom.

QUESTION — Esther Miller, Coatesville, and Edgar Jackson, Ligonier, would like to know how to puff wheat, rice, corn, and other grains for making cereal. Esther writes that when she visited Europe, the Austrians especially served puffed cereals and one of her favorites was puffed peas served with soup.

QUESTION — Patricia Varchol, Reinholds, writes that she started plants from seed for her large garden. She used a commercial planting mix for starting the seed, grew the plants under lights for 15 hours a day, watered from the bottom and watered only enough to keep them from drying out. She had a great germination rate, but since then has lost almost all the seedlings to damping off. Every time she has tried to start seeds, the seedlings met the same fate.

She knows it's too late this season, but are there tips or tricks to try next year to keep this from happening?

QUESTION — Kay McGrath, 68 Hunter St., Tamaqua, Pa., writes that she found an antique in the attic of a deceased relative. She believes it is a spinning wheel loom. She has a picture of it if someone collects such objects.

QUESTION — Paul Early, R.R. 1, Box 632A, Annville, Pa. 17008 has a hopper to a wheelbarrow grass seeder that was made in the 1920s. He would like to hear from someone who has the wheelbarrow part or he would be willing to sell the hopper.

QUESTION — Ruth Dundore would like the book with the following poems: Brier Rose, The Old Man Goes To School, The Station Agent's Store, and The Last Hymn. It was published about 1900.

QUESTION — Maxine Tutton, Fort Royal, Va., would like the address for a mail order company that sells patterns for clothing that fits cement lawn geese that are so popular now.

QUESTION — Julia Rissler, Mohnton, would like Sue Barton books by Helen D. Boylston, especially Sue Barton, Superintendent of Nurses. Call (717) 484-0515, or write to Julia at 448 Orchard Rd., Mohnton, PA 19540.

QUESTION — George Rousis, Bally, hopes to move to the Midwest or Montana in a few years. He'd like to know how to find out weather temperature highs and lows, rainfall, and snowfall for the individual states during the past 10 years.

QUESTION — Jenny Palovitch of Lancaster County would like to purchase a wrought iron bench that wraps around a tree. It may be new or used.

QUESTION — Several years ago, Harold R. Stoudt of Hamburg purchased aluminum-clad electric fence wire by direct shipment from South Star Industries in Tenn. The dealer discontinued his business. Does anyone know of the company or one that sells similar high quality aluminum clad maleable steel wire? It did not recoil when unspooled and could be hand spliced.

QUESTION — A Lehighon reader would like to know the market price for goose and duck eggs.

QUESTION — Marian Mosemann, Summit Hill, would like to know where to purchase gift boxes for jellies and breads. Candy boxes are too small.

ANSWER — George Ueltzen, Saylorsburg, wanted to know how to get rid of carpenter bees in his barn and out buildings, which are full of holes. Nothing but a tennis racket seems to stop them. Thanks to Rhoda Sauder, York, who writes that the solution is to use a hand sprayer with a solution of 2 teaspoons liquid Sevin to a gallon of water. Spray the holes where there is little activity in early morning or evening. Sevin has a residual effect. Bees entering or exiting the holes will die. Usually spraying once every two years is sufficient. This will also get rid of wood boring bumblebees.

ANSWER — For the reader who wanted to recycle Christmas cards, here are two answers from Hazel Spamer and Margaret Diamond, Kunkletown.

This idea is from Hazel Spamer. Select green and red cut 21 to 25 3-inch circles. Arrange according to design.

Select place mat shape. Two sheets of Contact paper will, but you need to be sure of card placement. Place touch cards to Contact background. A scene or picture covers up unwanted backs of cards. Clear contact paper front and keeps it easy to clean and preserve.

Decide on the arrangement, strip backing from Contact background paper. Carefully, because you don't want to relift the Contact paper after it is laid down, arrange on the background and press down firmly.

Prepare transparent front covering Contact paper. Carefully place it over the cards, pressing down firmly. Trim it to shape after the mat is assembled.

Mrs. Joseph Boll, Harleysville, writes that she keeps all old greeting cards in a purse. When she leaves a friend who isn't home, she leaves a note on a card. She thinks it is a nicer touch than leaving a note.

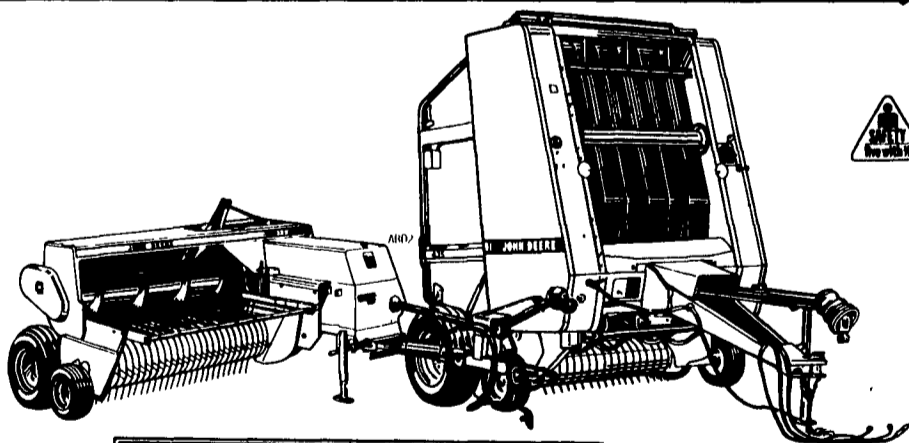
Margaret Diamond writes that she has a crocheted bowl. She doesn't have a pattern but she does have one for someone who can improvise without special instructions. She writes that it takes some time but is very easy to make. The bottom is made from a very large circle of crocheted with two-single crochets in every row. The sides are stitched together with white crochet thread.

The top is seven-inches across and the bottom is nine-inches across. The middle measures nine-inches across. The bowl is crocheted out. This is what it looks like:

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