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Hershey Offers Children's Classes

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.)—Registrations are currently being taken for the fall line-up of children's classes offered by the Hershey Museum. Taught by experienced museum teachers, the classes are designed to be enjoyable, entertaining, and educational.

For additional class information and fees, call (717) 534-3439. Registration deadlines are approximately two weeks in advance of

the class. However, registrations are taken in the order that they are received and because class sizes are limited, participants are encouraged to sign up well in advance to ensure a place in the class.

Classes offered through December 10, 1995 are as follows:

For children ages 4-6: "Whistle Stop" October 14, 10-11 a.m. Trains are the inspiration for this lively, musical interactive class led by teacher, Jan Dunkle. "Can You Bake A Pumpkin Pie?" Under the direction of Margaret Gerhart, youngsters mix, roll, fill, and bake and take home their miniature pie, November 11, 10-11:30 a.m. "I Like Bread and Butter" November 18, 10-11:30 a.m. Made-from-scratch bread, and churning butter insures an active and delicious morning under the direction of Margaret Gerhart. "St. Nicholas Cookies," December 9, 10-11:30 a.m. Children will hear a colonial American tale then mix, roll, cut, bake and decorate the same cookies as those in the story.

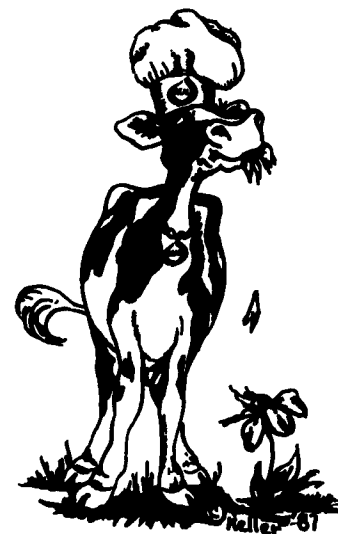
For older youngsters: "Native American Design Inspired Stenciled T-Shirt," ages 10-12, October 14, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Create an original design which you cut and stencil on a T-shirt which you supply.

"Critters" ages 7-10, October 28, 10-11:30 a.m. Create an amusing menagerie of creatures using natural materials for use as ornaments.

"Papermaking" ages 9-12, October 28, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. Make your own handcrafted pap-

er. "Chocolate Taffy Pull" ages 7-9, November 4, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Experiment with recipes popular in the 1930s. "Graham Cracker Cottages" ages 7-12, December 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Construct a one-of-a-kind cottage decorated with a dazzling assortment of candies and dust with powdered sugar.

The Hershey Museum is a non-profit, educational and cultural organization administered by The M.S. Hershey Foundation and is located at the west end of Hersheypark Arena.



Steps to Establishing A New Lawn

Early fall is a good time to start a new lawn or renovate an old one. For detailed instructions, ask for Extension Circular 412, Renovation of Lawns from your county extension office. Here's a few general steps.

Have your soil tested to determine if it needs lime or fertilizer. Take soil cores from at least 15 spots randomly over the lawn to obtain a representative sample. If you have a problem area, take separate soil samples from each.

Scrape away and discard surface debris before taking sample. Sample to a two-or-three-inch depth. Collect the sample in a clean container. Mix the core samplings, air dry and remove roots and stones. Fill the soil test mailing container and identify the sample. Complete the Information Sheet giving all the information requested. Soil sample mailing kits are available from Penn State Cooperative Extension. The cost is \$6.

Rough grade the area, removing all debris including large stones. Grade off high spots and fill low spots. You may need additional soil.

Lime according to soil test. Apply 25 to 50 pounds of limestone per 1000 square feet if no test was taken.

Apply basic fertilizer (phosphate and/or potash) according to soil test recommendations. Before an October seeding, broadcast and rake into a soil depth of 2-4 inches, 20 pounds of 0-20-20 fertilizer, per 1000 square feet plus 25 to 30 pounds per 1000 square feet of 10-5-5 fertilizer. 35 percent or more of the total nitrogen should be as water insoluble nitrogen. Rent a rototiller to till materials including organic matter, compost a fertilizer into a four-to-six-inch soil depth.

Finish grade by hand or rake to remove stones or debris. Raking is necessary to smooth the surface. If possible, allow the area to settle for about a week before final raking. A heavy watering speeds up the settling.

Apply seed by dividing total seed quantity into two equal lots, sowing one lot in one direction and the second lot at right angles to the first with a turf-type disk seeder or spreader. For more information on seed types or seed mixtures, ask for Extension Circular 391 or 395.

Rake lightly or drag area to cover seed no deeper than one-quarter inch. Don't use more seed than is recommended on the seed package. Avoid using old seed that germinated poorly. Roll area lightly to firm soil around seed.

Mulch seeded area with clean oat or wheat straw or marsh hay. Light mulches may be left on the area to decompose. But heavy mulches should be removed as soon as the grass germinates.

If rain is not expected, the seeded area should be kept moist until the seeding plants have been well established.

Reminder: Due to the non-essential water use ban associated with the drought warnings issued to 43 Eastern and Central PA counties by the PA Emergency Management Council, lawn watering is prohibited except for newly seeded and sodded grass areas between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. by means of a hand-held hose, nozzle, bucket or pail. Stricter drought emergency bans may have been issued by your local municipality. Contact your county, township or borough office.

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