

You ask You answer

This column is for readers who have questions but don't know who 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.

Do not send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply. If we receive the answer, we will publish it as soon as possible. Please include your phone number because we sometimes need to contact the person to clarify details. We will not publish your phone number unless you request it.

QUESTION — Cheryl Miller of P.O. Box 6254 Hallem, PA 17406, would like an green blooming Iris (flag) rhizome. One called Pride of Ireland is sold at Wayside Gardens but every time she tries to order one, they are sold out.

QUESTION — Helen Werner, Reinholds, wants to know where to buy a new 12- to 20-inch carousel that plays merry-go-round music. She also is looking for a book on cast-iron implement seats.

QUESTION — Mark Stancill, Bel Air, Md., wants to know where to purchase or have made a set of handles and hardware for an old cross cut saw.

QUESTION — H. Donald Brior, Rock Glen, wants to know where he can purchase a wooden sauerkraut stomper complete with handles, which is used to make sauerkraut in crocks.

QUESTION — Phyllis G. Woods, Edinboro, wants to know how to make braided rugs out of wool coats, etc.

QUESTION — Beatrice Minimoto, 10141 River Landing Rd., Denton, Md. 21629, would like a pattern source for a life-sized adult muslin doll.

QUESTION — Mrs. Raymond Schlabach, 7433 Garrett Hwy. Oakland, Md. 21550, wants a Singer Buttonholer #160506, which makes oval buttonholes, for an old black treadle sewing machine.

QUESTION — Naomi Becker of Paxinos, Pa., is wondering if anyone knows if there is a book on making party favors for all occasions or if any readers have good ideas.

QUESTION — J. Johnson, Herndon, would like to know where to purchase cassette tapes that teach the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect.

QUESTION — Jacob Ebersol, Elizabethville, would like information on the history of Rocoma Farms, in Leola. Was it a private dairy farm or only a milk bottling company? When did it start and go out of business?

QUESTION — Ruth Peters, Danboro, is looking for a source for support stockings (not pantyhose) that are approximately 30% spandex and 70% nylon. For many years, she used National Wholesale Co. of Lexington, N.C., but they no longer sell that style.

QUESTION — S. Miller from Hagerstown, Md., would like to know where to purchase horseradish root.

QUESTION — Dorothy Gordner, Jersey Shore, would like directions for making milk strainer disc dolls, which were popular in the 1950s.

QUESTION — C. Stadler is trying to locate handles for Chefs Ware stainless steel by Townecraft.

QUESTION — Danny Shank, Dayton, Va, wants to know where he can purchase 12- or 14-ounce water glasses that are clear with a silver band around the top.

QUESTION — John Hanzl, Skillman, N.J., would like to know if there is a source for parts to fit a White/Oliver Model 112 gear-drive lawn tractor. The transmission needs new parts.

QUESTION — Cathy Nell, Gettysburg, wants to know where to find pear soap, which she thinks is manufactured by the Pear Soap Co.

QUESTION — Doris Rishel, Spring Mills, would like to know where to purchase Dr. David Roberts Salve, which is white and has a winter green aroma or in brown to use for animals and people.

QUESTION — A. Kost, Carlisle, would like to contact someone with a Moulimex electric meat grinder type RL1AA, which is made in France and sold by Varco of New Jersey. He either wants to buy parts or sell his. He needs the spiral screw for the grinder.

QUESTION — Lewis Kofron wants to know where to get parts for a Siegler oil burning heater.

QUESTION — Sophie Benedict, Friendsville, Md., would like to know how to clean club aluminum.

QUESTION — Marlowe Haas, Emporium, is looking for a source to purchase varigated colored yarn in camouflage colors. She also wants to know where to find directions to crochet an old-fashioned hug-me-tight.

QUESTION — Betty Sterner wants to thank Nola Brion of Liberty, for her information, but she had already contacted Replacements Ltd., Greensboro, N.C., before writing to Lancaster Farming, so she is still looking for the January, 1979 Peter Banett, Franklin Mint plate.

QUESTION — A. Zimmerman of East Earl is interested in buying a set of used Lewis B. Miller story books. Does anyone have any?

QUESTION - C. Martin is looking to buy Mary Holmes' books in fair condition and at a reasonable price.

QUESTION — Bruce N. Carpenter of Winchester, Va., is looking for information where he can find attachments for a Roto-Hoe 4 Seasons garden tractor. He's specifically looking for a snowblower attachment.

QUESTION — Evan Weidman, Westfield, has an old milk jar with raised lettering that says One quart liquid/Jane's Creamery. On the back is written Cream Top, Pat. March 3 '25. Weidman wants information on the Creamery and the years it was in operation.

QUESTION — Mabel Burkholder, Fleetwood, would like to know where to purchase American Limoges, fine porcelain from the Salem Heritage Collection, Bridal Bouquet china plates, the design is in blue and gray. She also wants a set for 4-12 of Glamour by The American Limoges China Co. made in USA Briar Rose GNL, which has a picture of wild roses in rose and green.

QUESTION — Salome Fisher, Lancaster, would like to know how to make baskets out of telephone books.

QUESTION — Gerald Rudolph would like to know if there is anyone who presses sorghum living within a 50-mile radius of Adams County.

QUESTION — Sue Baughman, Gordonville, would like a source to buy British oil, which previously sold in drug stores. It contains kerosene, turpentine, linseed oil, and coal tar. The Baughmans use the British oil in an old family recipe for salve.

QUESTION — Harold Kuchler, Coatesville, needs to replace a Proctor-Silex 2-quart ice cream freezer bucket, preferably stainless steel. Where can he find one?

QUESTION — Lynn Joshua, Lititz, wants to buy "Wildflowers and Stories Behind the Names," by Phyllis Busch and "Sugar From Farm to Market," by Winifred Hammond.

ANSWER — Marlene Hurst wanted to know how she can get discolored white nylon as in slips, playpen mesh, etc. looking white again? Thanks to Barbara Muller, East Berlin, who sends the following instructions that she said works for her every time. Mix equal parts water and hydrogen peroxide (found in drug stores and used to clean cuts) into glass or plastic container large enough to hold clean, washed, wet garment. Let sit about a half hour then rinse.

Thanks to John Zimmerman, Fallstown, Md., who writes that adding ½ cup baking soda to laundry detergent restores whiteness to dingy whites.

ANSWER — Elinor Klotz wanted to know how to clean a cast iron skillet. Salome Petersheim writes that she sprays the skillet with a good oven cleaner and puts it into a plastic bag to soak about 30 minutes. Then wash with hot soapy water. If the skillet is badly soiled, the process may need to be repeated.

ANSWER — Robert Kubisch, Martinsville, wanted to know where to purchase tapered metal bands, either in 7-foot lengths or a roll. Band width needs to be 1 to 1¼ -inches with a 4 degree taper, to restore wooden tub washing machines. A reader, who signs himself the voice of experience, writes that since computers and modern educators do not teach common sense or how to repair things but only replace, he can learn to make his own. Take the proper size of metal strips and use the old method of peening the one side with a hammer to stretch it to the required length and angle.

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THE SEVEN JOYS OF VEGETABLE GARDENING

Is growing vegetables more work and trouble than growing flowers? In 1997 keeping a vegetable garden is no more trouble than a flower garden and, for many gardeners, the rewards are even greater because (in one sense) you can have your garden and eat it too.

Make a New Year's resolution to grow vegetables in your garden in 1997. Not only does a neatly tended vegetable garden look great, but you can enjoy many of the fruits of your labors throughout the year. Here are seven reasons (resolutions) to start a vegetable garden:

Exercise: Gardening does require some work, but this can easily be considered exercise. Stretch to pull that nasty crabgrass . . . dig to remove that dandelion root . . . breathe deeply to fill your lungs with fresh air. All of these gardening activities help to burn up calories and increase your physical well-being.

Food: An obvious benefit to vegetable gardening is that it results in good things to eat. And fresh vegetables always taste better. In fact, the exceptional flavor of home-grown food is one major reason why people grow vegetables.

Health: Fresh vegetables are health foods. Most vegetables have traveled hundreds of miles to be on display at the grocery stores. This journey may result in lost vitamins and minerals. The vegetables from your garden offer excellent nutrition, containing vitamins and minerals for healthy bodies.

Beauty: A vegetable garden is as pleasing to the eyes as a flower garden. And most vegetables flower before they fruit, so you really do get both in one garden.

Knowledge: Experience is the best teacher. When you garden you can see Nature at work. You can't help but learn about nature and nurturing plants. As a parent, you can share this knowledge with your children.

Self satisfaction: There is something very satisfying about tending a garden and reaping its rewards. One feels almost virtuous. Plus gardening is an occupation that the whole family can do together.

Money savings: The monetary investment in seeds, plants, fertilizer, etc., is minimal. And compared to buying fresh or canned produce you could save a lot of money, especially if you store some of the bounty for the later months.

See Pennsylvania-grown produce in the vegetable room at this year's Pennsylvania Farm Show. The exhibits this year show fresh, value added, frozen, canned and dried vegetables grown and prepared by vegetable processors and home gardeners in the state. Don't miss the largest specimen pumpkin or squash and ask questions at the Penn State Master Gardener table. For more information contact the PA State Farm Show at 717-787-5373.

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