

'Willow In The Wind'

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"Country Love," "Country Songbird," "Country Lily," and "Country Paradise," published by Good Books and available at bookstores. The patterns designed by Cheryl in these books can be copied and used without infringing on copyright. Cheryl has also illustrated numerous children's books.

As her expertise became known, Cheryl's work became more and more requested. Now a freelance artist, she often designs commissioned and limited edition quilts for individuals and companies. She also designs fabric patterns for a company and draws the delightful scenes pictured on the Turkey Hill ice cream containers.

For some of her commissioned quilts, Cheryl is asked to follow a theme. Other times, the decision is left totally to her.

"I like everything I do. I design

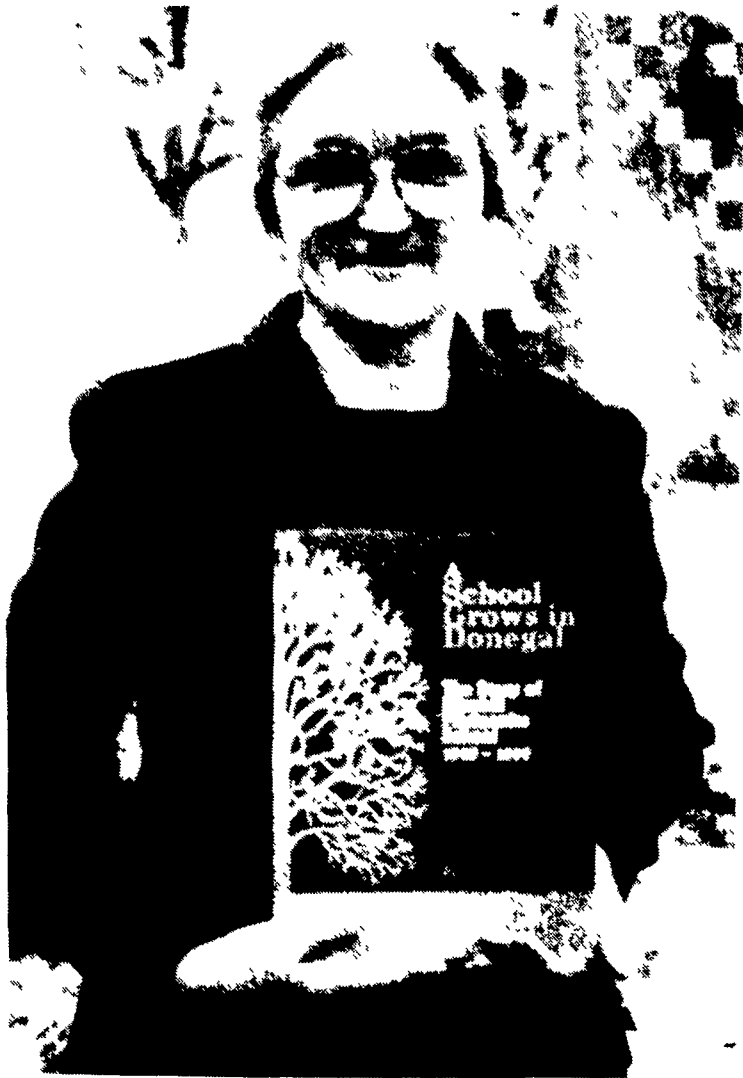
Victorian, contemporary, masculine—all styles," Cheryl said. "They are all different and I have no preference."

After Cheryl sketches the design and cuts out each template, she selects the fabric. "Choosing the colors is perhaps the most fun. The templates are the most tedious," she said.

The queen-sized quilt to be sold at the auction features a tree, which, by coincidence, happens to be the theme of the school's history. The book that recounts the school's 50-year history, "A School Grows in Donegal, The Story of Kraybill Mennonite School," will be released in time for the benefit auction. The book was written by Elaine Good, Lititz. Elaine was a former teacher and her husband was a former administrator of the school. Copies are available for \$20. She will be auto-



After three generations, Eileen Benner's appreciation for the Kraybill Mennonite School has grown. She started out as a student, her five children attended the school, and now her grandchildren Nichole, 11; Tyler, 7; (parents are Dean and Jennifer Benner); and Courtney, 6 (parents are Kevin and Holly Noll) attend. For many years Eileen has been in charge of selecting quilts for the school's annual benefit auction. This year she is donating this quilt, designed by her daughter-in-law Cheryl Benner, to be sold at the school auction.



Elaine Good holds a copy of the book that she has written about the history of Kraybill Mennonite School and about the church where the school originated. Elaine will autograph books during Auction Days.

graphing the book during Auction Days. The book also includes local history of the Kraybill Mennonite Meetinghouse, which was located on the site of the school in the early 1700s.

Another item to be sold at the sale is connected to the Benner family. These are limited edition prints of the "Benner Barn," located on the Leola farm where Eileen's husband Galen was born and raised. Gary Hiller, who is also director of development for the school, painted the original two years ago.

The barn is featured in the book "Old Barns." The Benner barn was

considered one of the oldest barns in the county until the 1970s, when it was dismantled stone by stone with the intentions of rebuilding for a tourist attraction. The barn was never rebuilt because of the lack of funds by the company that had purchased it. The Benner family doesn't know where the barn's remains are at this point.

"The painting is excellent—it looks just like the barn did when it was standing," Eileen said.

In addition to the Benner quilt, 20 other quilts plus several wall hangings will be auctioned beginning at 1 p.m. on May 8. Of interest to collectors is a "Hershey Parchment Quilt," which is a replica of the Milton S. Hershey quilt that was made for his wife, and other designs known as the Mariner's Compass, Contemporary Japanese Rinds, Biblical Quilt, Flowering

Star, and appliqued Partridge in a Pear Tree.

Auction Days opens Friday, May 7, with a southern-style pig roast served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, and fine art will be auctioned beginning at 6:30 p.m. Craft items will be prepriced and offered for sale on both Friday night and through Saturday.

On Saturday, May 8, the day will begin with a country breakfast served from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. The general auction begins at 8:30 a.m. Outdoor items will be auctioned at 9:30 a.m. Specialty items at 11 a.m. The quilt auction begins at 1 p.m.

Auction Days will be conducted at the Kraybill Mennonite School, Kraybill Church and Gobble roads, Mount Joy. For more information, call (717) 653-5236.



Limited edition prints of the Benner Barn painted by Gary Hiller will be auctioned to benefit Kraybill Mennonite School.



4-H

HAPPENINGS

Dimock Community 4-H Club

The Dimock Community 4-H Club met April 9. Robert Squier opened the meeting.

The club sang a song called "Super 4-H'er."

Jessica Squier led a game called "Over and Under." Ben Hibbards, Phillip Fields, and Kyle Karpich told about their air rifle and air pistol projects.

After official business was completed, Mrs. Karpich taught the members how to plant flower seeds. The club will use the flowers in their beautification project as a community service.

At the next meeting on May 14, the members plan to make soda bottle rockets and launch them (providing the weather is good).