

# Decorate, Entertain, Garden

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Perhaps it's the furniture arrangement, a wall stencil, a new way to display mementoes, a dining room centerpiece, or billowing fabric draped softly across a sequence of windows that sparks an idea. Always popular are the food samples that a different restaurant serves at each stop. This year's participating restaurants included Lily's On Main, The Black Horse Restaurant, Sweet Encounters, Doneckers Restaurant, Akron Restaurant, Country Pride, Sunset Diner, and food prepared by the Woman's Club.

Awe-inspiring floral decorations were arranged by La Fleur Boutique of Doneckers, Royers Flower Shop of Ephrata, Brossman's Flower Shop, and Gabby's Place.

As customary, the tour included a bed and breakfast. The 1777 House, a Donecker's Guest House at 301 W. Main St., Ephrata, a stately ten-guestroom home appointed with fine antiques, was this year's feature.

The house has been restored to preserve historical integrity, retaining original stone masonry and tile flooring. It's difficult to fathom that tile flooring could weather the abuse of centuries of use as a tavern, as an inn, a large family, and now as a bed and breakfast. But the handsome tile floor with its unique pattern demonstrates the artistic abilities and accomplished craftsmanship.

Marble fireplaces, 38 antique hooked rugs, stenciled armoirs in almost every room. A Carriage House has been turned into multi-level guests rooms with lofts. Although Jucuzzis and modern conveniences have been added, the rooms maintain a primitive country look. Hand-loomed rugs are draped in unusual ways across the walls. Ice boxes and televisions are disguised within handcrafted wooden cupboards. Unusual antique pieces and accessories help create an aura of both serenity and historical significance.

The Susan Ann Lewis home, an example of a contemporary multi-level home, was decorated with

hand-painted floral designs on the walls and a mixture of French pieces and family heirlooms.

The David and Nicole Sheaffer home, a spacious contemporary design with a two-story open foyer, showed how to incorporate family room, kitchen, and breakfast area into an eye-appealing but comfortable living space.

Pat and Jerry Imhoff's home, a raised rancher, was filled with momentos and art work from travels to Holland, England, and Italy.

The Snader home showed how an older ranch home can be updated for style yet maintain traditional class.

The Harnish Farm's home situated on 15 acres, is built of stone and logs with Cloister influence. The llama farm was featured in the April 3 issue of this paper.

Crafts by local artisans were displayed and sold at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren, the starting point for the tour.

The Eicher Arts Center, a historic landmark, was open for tour and served as the site where The Ephrata Woman's Club served cookies and beverages.

The Woman's Club donates the money from ticket sales to local charities.

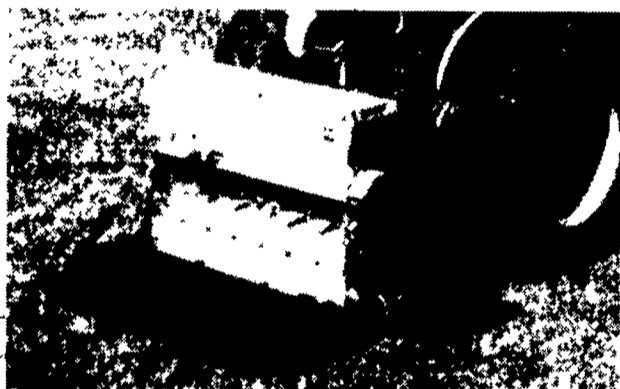


Mary DeSimone, manager of the Inns at Doneckers serves quiche, sprouts, and roast beef slices wrapped around a horseradish filling.

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