

Herb Festival

YORK (York Co.) — On Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the first Annual Pennsylvania Herb Festival will be held in Old Main Building of the York Expo Center (formerly York Fairgrounds) in York. The day will be filled with plenty of activities including seminars on aromatherapy, backyard herbal pharmacy, and making herbal soaps. Renowned speakers include Rosemary House, founder and author; Bertha Reppert, Don Haynie from Buffalo Springs Herb Farm, Alloway Garden's Barb Steele, Nancy Ketner of Sweet Earth, Dr. Geraldine Depoala, Delores Kirshner of Classics Flower and Herb, and Maryanne Schwartz of the Herb Basket. Cashtown Inn chef George Keeny will conduct an outdoor cooking demonstration with Herbs on the Grill. Authors will be signing their books and more than 60 vendors will be selling plants and lots of herbal and garden related items while sharing their unique knowledge and love of herbs.

Master Gardeners from Dauphin, Cumberland, York and Adams counties will also be providing demonstrations and information on subjects such as antique roses and edible flowers, creating a living wreath, planting a bucket o' bugs, natural dyes, and hard to find antique roses. Lots of herbal and gardening items donated by the vendors and Master Gardeners, including the thyme bench and the living herbal wreaths, will be given away continuously throughout the festival.

Peter Rabbit's Lavender Lookout for youngsters will include a Farm Animal Learning Center and a Reading Corner. There will be hands-on fun activities for children like making potpourri, planting lavender, and creating herbal leaf prints and pressed flower note cards.

An added feature of the festival will be a container and special plant contest, with prizes and ribbons awarded to the best entries in 10 categories. Participants can enter herbs

grown as a topiary, a standard, or as a bonsai specimen. In addition, herb enthusiasts can enter combinations of five herbs and flowers grown in a pot, a strawberry jar, a homemade container, an urn, a window box, a hanging basket, or any reused container such as a helmet, kettle lunch bucket, or toy. The contest is open to any individual or organization. There is no fee to enter the contest. Official rules are available from the Pa. Herbfest committee at the phone number listed below.

Admission is \$4 at the door. Children under 12 get in free and parking is free. For more information call (717) 528-7979 or e-mail: PAHERBFEST@yahoo.com.

Ways To Reduce Debt

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — Are you buried in debt? Do you fight a seemingly hopeless battle to reduce your credit card balances? Would you like to learn how to get more from your credit dollar, obtain a copy of

your credit bureau file, and avoid traps card issuers set to get more of your money?

If so, come to a free workshop, "10 Ways to Reduce Debt," sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension on Tuesday, June 15

Canning Workshop

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — Take advantage of bountiful, locally grown fruits and vegetables by preserving the harvest safely. Whether you have your own garden or visit one of Chester County's orchards or farms to get your fresh produce in season, learn the art of proper canning as an historically economical alternative to that trip to the grocery store.

Join Trudy Dougherty, family living agent, Penn State Cooperative Extension, on

Monday, June 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Extension office, Government Services Center, Suite 370, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, for a demonstration on what equipment is needed, what methods may be used, and the step-by-step process for pressure canning and water bath canning.

Registration is \$2 per person, due by June 14 to cover materials. Seating is limited, so register early! Contact the Extension office at (610) 696-3500 for further information.

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To register or for more information, call the Extension office at (610) 696-3500.

You Ask, You Answer

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QUESTION — Ada B. Zook is looking for the words to a song that contains the following words: "Dry pasture, dry pasture, no feed for the cattle, no grass on the ranges, no clouds in the sky. There's black buzzards circling, your ears are bare leather, git along little doggie or you're bound to die."

QUESTION — Henry Chase III, 345 Center Rd., Charleston, ME 04422, is searching for a hand-held corn sheller.

QUESTION — Karen Mull, Elizabethtown, would like to know where to purchase an agitator for an electric butter churn manufactured by Alabama Manufacturing Co. The agitator is plastic. The motor sets on top of a barrel shaped 3-gallon jar. The agitator fits on the lid inside the jar. The company must have gone out of business because letters addressed to the address on the motor are returned. Anyone know where to find an agitator?

QUESTION — Anna Bonham, Honesdale, would like to know where to purchase dolls of Princess Di's and Prince Charles' wedding and Fergie's wedding dolls.

QUESTION — Nancy Wallace, Lancaster, purchased a Niagara lounge chair with heat and rolling massage years ago. Now she needs service but doesn't have a current address. She tried Brocton, N.Y., but the letter was returned.

QUESTION — Tom Salvadore, Newtown, wants to know where to purchase wood chisel handles for Stanley Wood Chisels #750 for several sizes ranging from 1/2 - to 1 1/2 - inches.

QUESTION — G. Sweitzer, Airville, would like to know the chemical recipe for the solution in which apples were dipped prior to cold storage over the winter. What else can be done to improve the texture of York Imperial apples stored at 32 degrees?

QUESTION — Shirley Miller, Nazareth, wants a candy thermometer that can be used in the microwave. Everywhere she looks, she can only find the kind that cannot be used in the microwave. Anyone know where she can find one?

QUESTION — Patricia Stoltzfus, Honey Brook, is collecting milk moustache ads. Anyone able to help her, write to 1395 Suplee Rd., Honey Brook, PA 19344.

QUESTION — Mitch Hughes, Frankford, W.V., wants to purchase old metal signs advertising Dr. Le Gear products, with a picture of the world's largest horse, a Percheron.

QUESTION — Myra Byers, 2420 Lemar Rd., Mercersburg, PA 17236-9616, is looking for a crochet pattern for a wall hanging that spells "Home Sweet Home."

QUESTION — Anna Zimmerman, Box 2351, R.2, Fleetwood, PA 19522, is looking for the following books: "Lift My Lamp," by Anna Balmer Myers; "White Mother" by Jessie Bennett Sams; and "Treasurers in an Oatmeal Box," which is a story about a retarded boy.

QUESTION — Anna Newswanger, 185 S. Pool Forge Rd., Narvon, PA 17555, would like to know if anyone will sell her a book, "Memoirs of Churchtown," by Levi B. Yoder 1831-1906.

QUESTION — Raymond S. Fisher, Rebersburg, needs the address and phone number for Krane Products, which sells a product called Septic Helper.

QUESTION — Cheryl Lawrence, Ephrata, would like a source to purchase Cornish Ware.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for an oversized tin scoop for a small candy scales. She has all the weights but needs a 10-14-inch scoop to make the scales complete.

ANSWER — For Anna Bryan, Oxford, N.J., car-doon seeds are available from Fox Hollow Seed Co., P.O. Box 148, McGrann, PA 16236-0148.

ANSWER — To Thomas Yarnall, Gilbertsville, who had trouble with plants turning purple and feet swelling from walking in wet ground, Daniel Oberholzer recommends contacting Daniel Skow, a vet who specializes in using high quality natural methods. He works at a lab that researches health problems in livestock and does all types of soil, feed, water, and plant tissue analysis. Contact him at International Ag Labs, Inc., 800 W. Lake Ave., P.O. Box 788, Fairmont, MN 56031 or telephone (507) 235-6909.

ANSWER — For the reader who was having trouble keeping deer from crops, Henry Stoltzfus, Christiana, writes that he has five miles of 4-inch white nylon strap that might help to fence in the area especially if combined with an electric fence. If interested in the nylon strap, write to him at 613 Noble Rd., Christiana, PA 17509.

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