

Lancaster Farmland Trust

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for \$700. Both traditional and contemporary style quilts were auctioned. The two highest bids of \$950 each went to quilts titled Tree of Life and Country Love.

The Trust had set a goal to preserve 100 farms by its 10th anniversary. Tom Stouffer, execu-

tive director, said that the 104 farms preserved is the highest number preserved of any county in the U.S.

Stouffer credits the generosity of farmers and supporters because no government money is used, and full value for easements were not given for the 6,882 acres preserved.



A specially commissioned quilt wall hanging by nationally-recognized artist Donna Albert combines many techniques to showcase The Garden Spot of the World: Lancaster County. Albert used applique, heat fusion, embroidery, color, and dimension in the design that includes an Amish quilt motif, appliques of the Ephrata Cloister, pretzels with mustard; corn, cow, livestock, and other items representative of the county.



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"More than \$10 million in easements have been donated by farmers. This speaks volumes for Lancaster County farmers," Stouffer said.

Stouffer encouraged the audience to support House Bill 300, and to work for laws that would allow annual tax breaks to farmers, not just a one-time allotment.

The Trust has 2,000 members. Last year the Trust spent \$600,000 to preserve the easement value of \$2 1/4 million of farm land.

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through Lancaster Farmland Trust include those owned by these families: Eli and Sadie Glick, 49-acre dairy farm in Bart Township; Dr. David and Florence Harnish, 44-acres in Ephrata; Townsend Moore and Carolyn Price, 45 acres in Colerain Township; Dr. George and Kathleen Evans, 95 acres in Fulton Township; and Vera and Clayton Nissley, 79 acres in Manheim; Donald Nolt family, 74 acres in East Petersburg; Omar and Rebecca Fisher, 84-acres in Leola; James and Barbara Long, 79-acres

in Fulton Township; Donald Kirk, 144-acres in Colerain Township; Amos and Verna Mae Beiler, 38 acres in East Lampeter; Jeff and Linda Stoltzfus, 118-acres in Colerain Township; Betty Hess, 51 acres in Manheim Township; and an anonymous couple who preserved 47 acres of farmland in Elizabethtown area.

After 14 years with the Trust, Karen Weiss is resigning to take a position in Gettysburg. Gene Garber, whose farm was the first to be-

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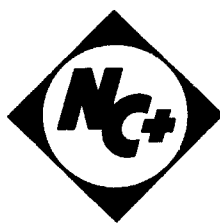
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