

# Deck The Home With Natural Materials

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pears, peaches, and strawberries. But do not eat! These fruits are for ornamental purposes only because they contain raw egg white.

Beat egg white or powdered egg whites lightly with wire whisk. Brush fruit with egg white and sprinkle superfine sugar over fruit. Let dry on wax paper.

Display sugared fruit in glass bowls or on plates. Maximum display time is one week if kept out of direct sunlight.

### Cinnamon Cutouts

Fill your home with the aroma of cinnamon cutouts that also serve as ornaments to add to your tree, wreath, or centerpieces. Here is a recipe for the cutouts.

#### Applesauce Cinnamon Dough

- 1/2 cup ground cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons ground cloves
- 2 tablespoons ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup applesauce

Combine all ingredients to make dough. Roll out on board. Cut to desired shape. Place on mesh racks. Bake in 200-degree oven until firm, but not crisp, or let air dry for several days.



Slice designs into oranges and lemons before drying either in a dehydrator or in oven set at 200 degrees or less.



In a quart jar, pour about 2-inches of artificial snow. Place a small snowman or figurine and artificial trees inside. Top with a glass candleholder insert (made for jars and available at craft supply stores) and add a votive candle.



Incorporate wheat, artichokes, and other dried materials into swags and wreaths.



Simple touches are often most effective. Bittersweet hangs from the window frame. Dried apple slices and greens surround a candle and oil lamp.



Don't overlook ivy and potted bulbs interspersed among holiday decor. Save the wire frame from outdated wreaths to create new ones.

## 4-H HAPPENINGS

### Adams County Achievement Night

Adams County 4-H members were honored recently at the annual 4-H Achievement Nite, sponsored this year by the Cashtown Lions Club Edmund Miller, Lion's Club contact coordinated the evening with Darlene Resh, 4-H extension agent

Memorial Awards were presented to the following: Kara Johnston, Gettysburg, received the Mrs. Edward Snyder Clothing Award, B.J. Wagner, Orrtanna, received the Robert Lott Leadership Award, Janel Keller, Gettysburg, received the Clue Meyerhoffer Citizenship Award, B.J. Wagner, Orrtanna, received the Larry Feeser, Sr. Swine Award, Emily Black, Aspers, received the Lois Smith Gardening Award, Chris Jeffcoat, Littlestown, received the William Miller Award, Amber Day, Littlestown, received the Rose Murren Award, Keith Livesberger, Gettysburg, received the ABC Williams Award, Jonathan Murrin, New Oxford, received the Robert Heltbridle Award, Meghan Bishop, Biglerville, received the Olwyn Weant

Fashion Revue Award, and Langdon Ramsburg, Gettysburg, received the Frederick J. Rarig Award

4-H members received recognition in the 4-H National Recognition Award Program. The award was based upon the member's comprehensive record of activities in 4-H and their excellence within the specific program area. Senior 4-H and their excellence within the specific program area. Senior Recognition award winners were Jonathan Murren, New Oxford, Shannon Holtzinger, East Berlin, Jessi Leister, Biglerville, B.J. Wagner, Orrtanna, Megan Thurley, Biglerville, Kim Stevens, Abbottstown, Tiffanie Conaway, Abbottstown, Janel Keller, Gettysburg, Chris Jeffcoat, Littlestown, and Kara Johnston, Gettysburg.

Junior Recognition award winners were Josh Buckley, Abbottstown, Melissa Jeffcoat, Littlestown, Amber Grimm, East Berlin, Emily Black, Aspers, Langdon Ramsburg, Gettysburg, Ryan Cooke, Gettysburg, Adam Wiles, Gettysburg, Eric Black, Aspers, Mary Gantz, Aspers, and Clayton Wood, Littlestown

Retiring 4-H members and 11 year members recognized were Brad Black, Aspers; Chris Gembe, York Springs; Keith Livesberger, Gettysburg; and Jesse Murren, New Oxford.

Ten year 4-H members recognized were Zeb Eckert, New

Oxford and Amber Day, Littlestown.

Four 4-H members were awarded the "I Dare You" Leadership Award. The award honors 4-H teens for excellence in character, balanced personal development, and leadership

potential Those receiving the award were: Sarah Pierson, New Oxford; Laura Burdette, Biglerville; Brian Baldwin, Biglerville; and Katie Martin, Orrtanna. Each recipient received a copy of William H. Danforth's book, I Dare You!

## Computer, Internet Use Increases

TOWANDA (Bradford Co.) — Households in the rural Northeastern United States are buying more computers and Internet access at a faster rate than most other areas across the nation.

According to a report from the U.S. Department of Commerce, while rural areas throughout the U.S. have traditionally lagged behind urban and central city areas in home computer ownership and Internet use, the gap between rural and urban/central city areas is starting to close. More affordable home computers and the

increase in accessibility to Internet service providers are some of the reasons for change.

And what a change has occurred in just four years. According to the report, in 1994, about 24 percent of the households surveyed nationwide owned a home computer and none of those households were using the Internet. In 1998 those numbers rose 42 percent. Owning a home computer and 26 percent using the Internet. In 1998 in the rural Northeast, 48 percent of surveyed households had computers and nearly 30 percent were using the Internet.

In 1998 in Pennsylvania less than 40 percent of households surveyed owned a home computer and less than 25 percent were accessing the Internet.

Internet use seems to focus a great deal on e-mail. According to the report, 60 percent of those who use computers either inside or outside of the home are using the Internet to send and receive e-mail. In the rural Northeast, for example, about 4.5 percent used the Internet to send e-mail in 1994. In 1998, about 20 percent were using the Internet to send e-mail.