



This column is for readers who have questions but don't know who to ask for answers.

"You Ask—You Answer" is for non-cooking questions. When a reader sends in a question, it will be printed in the paper. Readers who know the answer are asked to respond by mailing the answer, which will then be printed in the paper.

Questions and Answers to this column should be addressed to You Ask—You Answer, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522. Attention: Lou Ann Good.

Or, you may e-mail questions and answers to lgood.eph@lnpnews.com

Please clarify what question you are answering when responding.

Do not send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply. If we receive the answer, we will publish it as soon as possible. Please include your phone number because we sometimes need to contact the person to clarify details. We will not publish your phone number unless you request it.

QUESTION — A Schaefferstown family is looking for an old version of the "Candyland" game. Call (717) 949-2846.

QUESTION — A reader received a poinsettia for Christmas and wants to know how to care for it so that it will bloom again for next Christmas. Also what type of fertilizer works best for poinsettias.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know where to buy photo albums with fabric and lace covers.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know of gardening magazines, with a minimum of advertising, other than "Organic Gardening."

QUESTION — M. Musser, Lititz, would like the address for "Gardeners' Kitchen. She likes its canning lids better than any other but lost the address.

QUESTION — Ruth Boshnaugle, 202 Sylvan Retreat Rd., Columbia, PA 17512, would like to know if anyone has a Helen Barth cassette tape they would be willing to part with?

QUESTION — Lois Sollenberger, 2136 Hillview Dr. Fayetteville, PA 17222, would like to find one or more copies of the little Golden books called "The Rag Man's Sneeze."

QUESTION — Ed Craig, Newton Hamilton, writes that he heard that during the Depression years, people made a flower by using coal, ammonia, blueing, salt, and red dye or other coloring. Does anyone know the ingredients and instructions for making this?

QUESTION — W.V. Haagen wanted the words to the song, "There was a man who had a goat. There was a man, now please take note, he loved that goat just like a kid, etc."

QUESTION — Joyce Gable, York, wants to buy a cannister set in the folk art pattern by Pfaltzgraff. The pattern has been discontinued. If you have one, send in your name and address so she can contact you.

QUESTION — Susan Sensenig, Mount Joy, is looking for a white teddy bear dressed in blue with stars, moons, or a design that glows in the dark. These 12-inch bears had been sold in 1994, she thinks, by Furst McNess Co., Freeport, IL.

QUESTION — Mr. Serventi has a coal stove Lennox Furnace Co., Equator #QC 65/Q065. The center shaker is broken. The shaker number is 258-00. Does anyone know where he can purchase either new or old replacement part. He tried welding the broken piece but it did not hold.

QUESTION — Ann Hochenbury is looking for a pattern for an afghan called "The Night Before Christmas." The design is by Raymond Gustafan, photographed by Scott Little, and is a scenic portrayal of St. Nick's midnight ride, which captures many details mentioned in the poem. The central motif is the farewell scene, complete with miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer. The pattern appeared in the 1991 "Better Homes and Garden" magazine.

QUESTION — Mrs. Zimmerman, Manheim, needs a lid for an Imperial pasta maker. The address and phone number that came with the item are no longer current. Small Appliance Repair, Reading, could not help her.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know where to find Iris bulbs that bloom more than once and the name of a mail-order catalog where they are available.

QUESTION — Mary Haubrick writes that she has a box of beautiful broken Fenton art glass that was the result of a wall-shelf breaking accident. A lot of the glassware was hand painted cranberry as well as other colors. The pieces were shattered so badly that they can not be repaired; however, the glass is still beautiful. She is looking for someone who works in mosaic glassware made with a type of grouting to transform the unfortunate disaster into a work of art. Contact Mary at 25435 Great Cove Rd., McConnellsburg, PA 17233.

QUESTION — Pete Westover has a Clydesdale gelding, 18.2, which he wants to harness to pull logs. He is looking for some used but serviceable draft-size work harness for this horse to get started with and a source for a new work harness after he figures out what he's doing.

QUESTION — G. Sweitzer, Airville, wants information on converting five to ten horsepower gasoline engines to run on kerosene instead of gasoline. He understands you must decrease the compression ratio. What else must be done?

QUESTION — The Enos B. Stoltzfus family would like a set of "Boxcar" children's books to borrow or buy at a reasonable price. The family does not have a phone, but their address is 119 Lower Valley Rd., Christiana, PA 17509.

QUESTION — Virginia S. Horning wants a set of hardcover books, not soft cover books, by Thorton W. Burgess. Write to her at 151 S. Farmersville Rd., Leola, PA 17540.

QUESTION — Frank Cerami, Ottsville, is looking for the company that manufactures wood paving blocks like those used in the Philadelphia Historic District.

QUESTION — Calendars are needed to help mentally handicapped people with a project. They can be used calendars with notes on the dates, etc. Please send calendars to Gladys Stephens, R.1, Box 1069, Starrucca, PA 18462-9703.

QUESTION — Mary Ann Martin, 528 Reading Rd., East Earl, PA 17519, needs one-inch long bobbins to fit an old White sewing machine.

QUESTION — Yvonne I. Musser, Lancaster, is in search of a Christmas tree made from an aluminum during the 1960s-1970s. The larger the tree, the better, none smaller than 5 feet. Call her as soon as possible with size and price at (717) 871-9706.

QUESTION — Eva Marie Poliquin, 242 Pilgert St., Alburits, PA 18011, is looking for a reasonably priced wringer to do laundry. She does not need the washer part, only the wringer.

QUESTION — Bonnie Gible, Annville, wants to locate a Dr. Yanick, who was a professor at Monmouth College in New Jersey during the 1980s. Anyone have information? Call Bonnie at (717) 865-6029.

QUESTION — Dave Stehman, 531 Power Rd., Manheim, PA 17545, wants to find a replacement chuck for his Black and Decker Super Service Valve Refacer, size 5/8 type N, set 664110.

QUESTION — Cindy Eshleman,, Jonestown, wants to know where to buy "Chicken Soup for the Soul" cards in the area of Lebanon or Dauphin counties.

QUESTION — Any reader collect old vacuum cleaners? A reader has a Commander Imperial, which looks like a torpedo Model #116.722 Serv. #29628. "I used to help mom 55 years ago. The vacuum still runs, but is good, and is in good shape for the age. Free to a good home. Call (610) 827-7561.

QUESTION — Paul Dowie has what he believes is a Longrich brand musical instrument: 32 brass rods of increasing lengths, closely suspended with strings to a 15-inch long 1x2-inch board. Run a spoon up or down for a "tinkling" scale. If this is something you can play, call Paul at (610) 827-7561.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know if the cross stitch store, Stitch in Time, which had been at Brickerville, has moved elsewhere or if it went out of business?

QUESTION — C. Woods wants to know where to purchase a pan to make panettone, a traditional Italian Christmas bread.

QUESTION — Mike, Pottsville, wanted information on starting a broom making business. He also needs equipment and materials. Call him at (570) 544-6417.

QUESTION — Eva Marie Poliquin, Alburits, is looking for a top rack that swings out to fit a 1963 Kitchen Aid portable dishwasher.

QUESTION — Becky Allgyer, Skiles Rd, wants to know where to find a French Fleur cannister set (stoneware).

QUESTION — Amos Petersheim, Lykens, wanted to know where to buy new and used paint rollers with rubber designs on them. He needs parts to go with the rollers and thought someone might have some stuck away in their attics. Write to Amos at 554 N. Crossroads, Lykens, PA 17048.

QUESTION — Harold R. Stoudt, Hamburg, is in search of a rust inhibitor for a Drain Back Solar Domestic Hot Water System. The inhibitor must be non-toxic so that the water would be suitable for human consumption in case of leaks and it must mix well with water.

QUESTION — Anna Bryan writes that years ago her mom had an angel food cake pan with a lid on top. She asks where she can find one with a lid.

QUESTION — A reader from Ephrata wants to know where to purchase rubber or plastic ends for croquet mallets. She has two good sets but the plastic ends are broken.

QUESTION — Janet Lawton, Wellsboro, is searching for the address and phone number for Tom Schell, who wrote "An Introduction to the Dried Floral and Woody Ornamental Business." She believes Schell lives in Illinois or Indiana.

ANSWER — A reader from southern Lancaster County requested a used view master set in good condition. She also wants a used sewing machine that contains buttonhole and fancy stitch abilities. Thanks to Beverly Fory, Palmyra, who has a used Sears Kenmore purchased in the 1970s. If interested, call her at (255)7671.