



Lancaster Society 20

Lancaster Society 20 of Farm Women met at the home of Vera Herr, March 2. Each member brought a goodie for refreshments.

Devotions were read by President Valarie Ferguson, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Allegiance to the Flag.

In answer to roll call, each member brought a gift to exchange.

Helen Trout reported three cards mailed during the month.

Plans were made to entertain Societies 5 and 15 for the April meeting.

For entertainment, Miriam Leaman gave an interesting book review on "Hidden Latitudes" by Allison Anderson. Prior to the review, she gave a short resume on the life of Amelia Earhart.

The meeting closed by singing the theme song. Members will meet in April at the Memorial United Methodist Church, Quarryville.

Berks Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Berks County Society of Farm Women met March 6, at the Berks County Agriculture Center with 20 members attending.

County president Betsy Sattazahn asked for comments and concerns regarding the State Convention. The County Board agreed that the format, parking, and meal were very good.

Berks County received certificates for 100 percent participation in the Safety Program, The Habitat for Humanity Program, and for new memberships.

The State Farm Women had a booth this year at the Farm Show, Harrisburg. Becky Swallow, first vice president of Farm Women and from Somerset

County, was in charge of the booth. New memberships and Farm Women cookbooks were promoted at the booth.

Sattazahn was appointed chairperson of the Farm Show Committee.

Members plan to attend Berks Heim Bingo, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. Members will provide prizes and angel food cakes for residents. Members will also donate centerpieces for the Berks heim Volunteer Service Board dinner.

Lebanon County Farm Women will host the Spring Rally at the Lebanon County Expo, May 17.

The next executive board meeting is scheduled for May 1 at the Ag Center Conference room.

Berks Society 11

Berks County Farm Women Group 11 met at the home of Shirley Lentz with seven members attending.

Members answered roll call by stating what they would do if they had a day to do whatever they wanted. Answers included sewing, quilting, skiing, reading,

putting together puzzles, talking to plants, and taking a quiet walk.

Members reviewed by-laws and had a quiz on it.

Spring Rally is May 17 at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center.

Bingo is April 13, at Berks Heim

Berks Society 1

Berks Society 1 of Farm Women held its January meeting at the home of Pearl Levengood. She read Psalm 8, followed by the Lord's prayer and flag salute.

President Gerry Marsteller conducted the meeting. Roll question: Did yo have an enjoyable holiday season? was answered by members present.

Members reviewed the by-laws of the society. Members read their favorite poems.

Ruth Walters was the only member of Society 1 to attend the State Convention.

The February meeting was held at the Pleasant Diner. A tasty luncheon was enjoyed by 18 members. Agnes Noll read Psalm 67.

The Group will celebrates its 60th anniversary on May 11, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's U.C.C., Amityville.

Members exchanged valentines and were told to bring a red item in a brown bag. Everyone brought something different, which made an interesting meeting.

Plant Sale Preview Set

NEWARK, Del.—If you are eager for the sight of blooming flowers, join the Friends of the University of Delaware Botanic Gardens (UDBG) for their slide-show preview of the plants being offered in this year's UDBG plant sale.

The free preview will be held Wednesday, March 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Newark at the Girl Scout building at 501 South College Avenue (adjacent to the bridge over the railroad tracks). The actual sale will take place during Ag Day on Saturday, April 29, on South Campus.

Oakleaf hydrangea is the featured plant for the UDBG sale 2000. "A garden gem" is how UD horticulture professor John Frett describes the oak-leaf hydrangea, which has gained in popularity, he adds, because it is

easy to grow and offers multiple seasons of display.

"The cone-shaped inflorescences of oakleaf hydrangeas are large, reaching as much as 12 inches in length," says Frett. "The plants almost glow in the autumn landscape as the oak-like leaves turn spectacular colors from orange to red to burgundy."

The UDBG's extensive plant sale list also offers hard-to-find perennials and native plants, including a variety of ferns, hollies, hostas and trees. Horticulture experts will be on hand to answer questions, and refreshments will be served.

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