

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 — Marc Roberts, Thomasville, wants a source for NOS or salvage parts for Wheelhorse garden tractors. He wants to rebuild a mower deck, Model 5 2361 on a Model 867 tractor. The local Toro dealer can supply many of the parts but they are expensive, and a few parts, such as the blade spindle shafts, are no longer available.

QUESTION — Betty Bronson, R.2, Box 325A, Lewisburg, PA 17837, has a large antique rug loom to sell. Does anyone know how to find out what is worth and someone who might be interested?

QUESTION — Maureen Smith, Egg Harbor City, N.J., wants to know the best way to clean marble. She has an antique marble mantel that has some spots that she wants to remove.

QUESTION — Cheryl Mengel, New Tripoli, writes that she has several pieces of very old china that was handed down from her great grandmother. She'd like to know what it is worth and how to find replacement pieces. Printed on the bottom of the china are the words: Noritake by Larkin Co., Azalea Patt., Hand-painted in Japan. No. 19322, 252622.

QUESTION — D. Burkhart wants to buy a good, used dress form size small (bust 33-41-inches) with a dial wheel system to adjust sizes. She has one with the screws inside and is tired of the time required to adjust. Call (610) 286-9027 or e-mail at CopperHeadHijuno.com

QUESTION — A Schuylkill County reader would like to know where to purchase a T-shirt printed with the late 1960's design "Keep on Truckin'" with a man with the big nose and great big foot. The artist, he believes, was probably Robert Krum. The shirt can be used or a reproduction in whatever size available. Call mornings: (570) 682-8906.

QUESTION — William Slackway would like to know if anyone will sell a good condition non-color print of Rosa Bonheur's "The Horse Fair," approximate size 18X40-inches. Call (610) 845-3438.

QUESTION — A reader would like to know if Lawrence Organ Mfg. Co. from Easton is still in business. Or, is anyone interested in a 1918 organ in working condition and original finish. Anyone know what it is worth?

QUESTION — A reader writes that his school has a project with which they need help. They need lots of envelopes with cancelled stamps. Send to School of Scripture, P.O. Box 33, Chloe, WV 25235.

QUESTION — M. Burkholder wants to know how to rid houseplants of scales. Last winter was the first she noticed them, and she has been having problems ever since. Should she throw out the plants before scales spread to other plants?

QUESTION — Melody Schlag, Red Lion, wants the out-of-print book, "Black Pony," to give to her grandchildren. Call (717) 244-7064.

QUESTION — W. Burlington would like to know where to buy winterberry plants (verticillata-red). Please answer this through this column as other readers are interested.

QUESTION — Miriam Kessler wants to know the process for making fragrant and essential oils for potpourri using fresh flowers such as roses, lavenders, and fruit rinds. I

QUESTION — James Kearns, Calefon, N.J., has questions about an antique model 520 Warm Morning coal stove. He purchased replacement fire bricks for the barrel-shaped stove that are too large even though the dealer said they are what is called for. He wants to know if someone has some understanding of the 520 model, did it come in different sizes. Are the flat bricks number 509 correct. Call him at (908) 832-7374.

QUESTION — A reader from New York wanted to buy a set of World's Bible Story Library Books published by World Publishing Co.

QUESTION — Joyce Burkholder misplaced the address for Rebecca Allyger who braids rugs. Anyone have it?

QUESTION — A Schuylkill County reader wants to know where to find instructions on making baskets from birch bark.

QUESTION — A Schuylkill County reader wants the sheet music and words to an Irish song, "The Wild Colonial Boy." Call (570) 544-6417.

QUESTION — Mildred Anderson, Dover, wants a G.E. Germicidal lamp, Model H-4 Electronic Germicidal Ultra Violet Ray Unit, with a tube-type bulb. The units were made in the 1960s to kill germs and for skin infections and sore throat, etc. The units are no longer manufactured, but someone may have one willing to sell. Phone (717) 292-6699.

QUESTION — Rebecca Beiler is searching for two original copies of the book, "Keeper of the Bees" by Gene Stratton Porter. Writer to her at 303 Jackson Rd., Quarryville, PA 17566.

QUESTION — Peg Koser, Lancaster, wants to know where to find the book "Aunt Nan and the Miller Five," by Esther Eby Glass.

QUESTION — A Manchester reader wants patterns to crochet Barbie clothes. Call (717) 266-1044.

QUESTION — E. Rantonizy, Glassport, wants to know how to eliminate wild chrysanthemums from gardens and lawns.

QUESTION — Joe Retkowski is looking for a shaker grate for a pot belly coal stove, which is stamped on the front: Big Boy No. 181, Birmingham Stove and Range Co., Birmingham, AL. Any information would be appreciated.

QUESTION — Ralph Nissley wants to know where to get an Uncle Wiggly game.

QUESTION — B. Allgyer, Narvon, wants to buy two new or used oil cups for a Surge Alamo number 30 vacuum pump. They hold about 6-8-ounces. You flip them down and unscrew them to fill.

QUESTION — Ruth Bricker, 606 Nauvoo Rd., Lewisberry, PA 17339, has been hunting jar lids to fit 3-gallon and 5-gallon jars, which she thinks were pickle jars. Inside measurement is 5 1/4-inches.

QUESTION — Joni Michaels, Winfield, writes that her hobby is collecting reproduction clothing. She has access to some New Period patterns, but lately has been reproducing from original vintage clothing. Joni works full time and has little time to attend auctions. She buys from dealers occasionally, but they charge a lot and tend to use cleaning methods that eventually causes the cloth to deteriorate. Joni prefers to use the old, just out of the attic but not cleaned clothing. She will clean it herself.

Joni wants original pre-1960 clothing or patterns to purchase or to borrow for research. The articles do not need to be in perfect condition or research. Write to Joni at R.2, Box 49, Winfield, PA 17889.

QUESTION — Kenneth Keister, Middleburg, wants a home use family-sized milk pasteurizer. Write to him at R.4, Box 140, Middleburg, PA 17842.

QUESTION - Tony Knipp of Blooming Grove, NY, is looking for a Ertl Divio Truck, Harrisburg Dairy Show issue. If you have one, please call (914) 496-6841.

QUESTION - Julie Shelley of Landisburg is looking for a retailer or mail order house in the Perry/Cumberland County area.

QUESTION - Barry Johnson of Bloxom, VA, wants to know where the show is that has all kinds of chicken and fowl. Martha Stewart had it on one of her shows, and she said it was held in Pennsylvania.

QUESTION - C. Becker, Cato, NY, wants to locate replacement wire bales for old-style glass top canning jars, in both regular and wide mouth sizes.

QUESTION — Amy McBlane, Boyertown, is raising a dual breed chicken — buff orphingtons. Amy wants to know how old the males can become without caponizing or getting tough. If 13 weeks is the maximum, she wants to caponize them or needs someone to teach her how to do it. She has written information, but want hands-on experience.

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

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

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 — 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 — Alice Richey, Cochranville, wanted a contact person for purchasing pan replacements for Guardian Service. Thanks to Pat Elligson, Millers, for sending the following address: Irvin Bernstein, 2110 Harmony Woods Rd., Owings Mills, Md. 21117. Phone (410) 560-0777.

ANSWER — For a York County reader who wanted to know how to remove oil stains from driveways and garage floors, a reader recommends sprinkling area with cat litter and then sweeping.

ANSWER — Here's another solution for removing milk bottle stains. Karen Kinnane, Pompton Plains, N.J., writes that if the white stains are mineral deposits, fill the bottles 3/4 full with white vinegar and add 1/4 with ammonia. Allow solution to set in bottle for 3 or 4 days. If the glass is still stained, it may be what is called "sick" glass, which means it is permanently stained. Coating the inside of the bottle with mineral oil (from a drug store) may camouflage the stains for about six months. Then the bottle must be washed inside with warm soapy water, dried, and re-coated.