

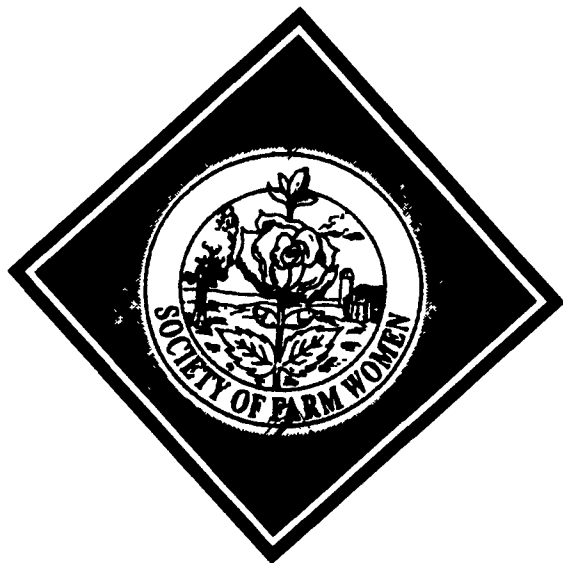
Forest Garden Beauty

COLLEGEVILLE (Montgomery Co.) — The azaleas should be in full bloom for an upcoming guided walk through Jenkins Arboretum in Devon. The walk on Tuesday, May 16, at 4:00 p.m. is part of the second annual Penn State Cooperative Extension series of "Natural Landscapes and Habitats Walks."

Jenkins Arboretum not only provides visual beauty, but serves as a living example of ecological and aesthetic management of a southeastern Pennsylvania hardwood forest. The shrubs of the forest are mostly azaleas, huckleberries, and blueberries; the ground cover is native woodland flowers and ferns. Paved trails wind among the trees, along the stream and by the pond.

Educators, home gardeners, park land managers, and landscape planners may be particularly interested learning more about the benefits of natural landscaping instead of surrounding trees with mowed lawn.

Space is limited at some of the walk locations. To receive a walk schedule and registration form, send a stamped and self-addressed envelope to: Recycling Education Program, Natural Landscapes & Habitat Walks, 1015 Bridge Road, Suite H, Collegeville, PA 19426, or call the Recycling Education Program at: (610) 489-4315.



Berks Society 1

Berks Farm Women Society 1 held its February meeting at the home of Gerry Marsteller, who called the meeting to order, had the devotional and flag salute. Roll call was answered in response to the question, what is your destination for this time of the year?

Members discussed the 60th anniversary of the group and set the date for May 11 to be conducted at Amityville U.C.C.

Members celebrated Pearl Levegood's 85th birthday. A member of the Amity Company, Kevin Neiswender, spoke on home safety.

The April meeting was held at the home of Agnes Noll.

Psalm 67 was read followed by the flag salute. Roll call was answered by members telling what they liked best about Farm Women.

Members discussed the upcoming 60th anniversary. All members brought their favorite teddy bears and Agnes showed her variety of stuffed animals. She has more than 200 different kinds including some very unusual ones.

The next meeting will be at the home of Ella Richard.

York Society 26

York County Society of Farm Women 26 held its April meeting at Eat and Park, New Cumberland. Thirteen members attended the meeting co-hosted by Charlotte Hardy and Janet Lahr.

President Martha Huston conducted the business meeting.

Seven members will attend the Spring Rally at Lebanon County Exposition Building on May 17.

A bus trip is planned to An-

napolis for a history and harbor tour on June 20.

Group 34 from Red Lion will entertain Group 26 this summer and Group 21 will entertain Group 26.

At the March meeting, members gave donations to Fairview, Goldsboro, Lewisberry, and Newberrytown Fire Companies.

The May meeting will celebrate the 34th anniversary of Group 26.

Lancaster Society 14

Lancaster Farm Women Society 14 met Jan. 12 at the home of Ruth Kreider with the purpose of sewing bed pads for the Office of the Aging. Sewing committee members Helen Herr, Marion Rohrer, Esther Landis, and Dorothy Musser prepared 32 pads to finish.

A special lunch was planned and served by hostesses Edna Groff, Esther Landis, and Ruth Combs. Esther Landis read Psalm 37 for a devotional.

Delegates to the state convention reported business transactions and the country music.

President Gladys Esbenschade and her daughter, Barb, introduced a craft of making original greeting cards, and encouraged members to remember shut-ins often.

On Feb. 9, outgoing president Heler Herr opened her home for the meeting hosted by Clara Rohrer and Marion Rohrer. The motto of the month, to love is to give a glimpse of heaven, was the theme of Jean Groff's devotional: Do we really love as we say we do?

Members responded to roll call by showing a photograph of their parents. During the program, members showed an item of their grandmothers to reflect on the legacy of those gone before.

Since several of the society members reside at Landis Home, Elma Barge made arrangements for the March 8th meeting to be held in the Harvest View Building. Mary Louise Landis and Dorothy Musser hosted a group of ladies attired in green. If they

were not dressed in green, they paid a \$2 fine.

Mary Louise read from Matt. 4. Members responded to roll call by naming a missionary. Speaker for the event was Miriam Housman, former teacher and missionary to Ethiopia and Nigeria. She had many interesting experiences to tell and a collection of memorabilia to show. She did not fail to talk about her doctor-husband, who taught eye surgery and was called the Flying Doctor, because he flew to different locations to give patient care.

Location of the April 12 meeting was on the farm of the Corn Maze because of Donna Coleman's hospitality. Hostesses Anna Marie Groff and Mildred Herr included cheese in their treat. Members responded to roll call by naming their favorite cheese.

Donna was assisted in her devotional honoring the death and resurrection of our Lord by her preschool son, who read John 3:16.

Marty Hershey, mother of four children, farmer's wife, and writer for Cross Walk on the internet proved her writing ability by reading some of her articles in a beautifully illustrated book about a little child enduring cancer. The book was inspired by her personal walk with her own son, a victim of leukemia and now recovered.

Thanks to Society 3 for graciously entertaining Society 14 at the Ephrata Library meeting room on April 15.

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