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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 — Robert Finke, Seven Valleys, writes that he has an iron-age potato planter with lettering on the fertilizer bin, but he can't decipher all the letters and asks if someone could fill in the missing blanks. The words read: Iron Age Improved (blank) Potato Planter (blank) (blank) (blank) N.J.

QUESTION — Donald Jones, 734 Cedar Lane, Perkasio, PA 18944, is looking for copies of York County newspapers, magazine articles, photographs, and personal recollections about the firm Frazer Farm Equipment Company, maker of the rototiller. The firm had been located in York at 6th Ave. corner of Ogontz St. in 1947 and later until 1949 at 1320 W. Market Street. Jones can also be reached by phone

at (215) 795-2844 after 7 p.m.

QUESTION — Verna Nolt, 575 New Holland Rd, New Holland, PA 17557, wants to buy a school house bell. State price, size, and condition.

QUESTION — Mrs. Wilma Fisher, Ellittsburg, asks if anyone knows of a way to obtain seeds from "carpet of snow" flowers, which are planted in a garden in memory of her son who died recently in an accident. She really wants to continue using these original flowers if possible. She also asks if she can obtain seeds from other flowers such as salvia.

QUESTION — A Somerset reader wants to know how to clean milk cans that have been sprayed with a cooking spray such as Pam to keep them from rusting. They also need to be cleaned on the outside. What is the correct procedure for cleaning milk cans and where can cleaners, brushes, and supplies to clean the cans without harming the finish be purchased.

QUESTION — A reader wants information on the poison sumac plant, especially how to get rid of it.

QUESTION — Linda Allebach, Harleysville, wanted to know if anyone had a copy of Paul Harvey's rendition, "On the Eighth Day God Made A Farmer. Mail the answer to 435 Moyer Rd. Harleysville, PA 19438.

QUESTION — A reader wants to buy a thermostat cord for a Farberware Automatic Griddle model 260. Call (717) 248-5242.

QUESTION — Bill Greer, Richwood, W.V., wants a source to purchase and information on power take-off potato diggers.

QUESTION — Mark Siegrist, Fredericksburg, requests the words and music to the old song, "You'll Never Miss Your

Mother 'til She's Gone." Send information to Mark at 1051 Pine Grove Rd., Fredericksburg, PA 17026.

QUESTION — Paul Helm requests the card game "Touring;" a child's book "There was an old Woman;" and the poem, "When I Get Married" by Edgar Guest. Write to Helm at 1715 Hans Herr Drive., Willow Street, PA 17584.

QUESTION — Harold Stouidt, Hamburg had a beautiful pink double rosebud azalea of the evergreen variety. It was container grown and died this spring from root strangulation. She wants to know where she could buy a replacement in her area. She wants a field grown variety only because she lost numerous container-grown plants from too dense of root mass. It must be a double pink rosebud azalea.

QUESTION — Robert Fleckenstein wants a Jacob's Pharmacy Xmas building (Town Square-1992) available exclusive to Coca-Cola employees and bottlers.

QUESTION — E. Weaver wants to know where to get a small family-sized cream separator, preferably a used one.

QUESTION — Mrs. Adin M. Hoover wants to know where to find soap flakes containing caustic soda or lye for laundry use. She used to get it by the barrel from M&G Soap Company, but doesn't know if the company is still in business.

QUESTION — A reader would like to know where to purchase the following used books at a reasonable price: "America's Wild Creatures," a series of stories from "Readers' Digest;" "Joy of Gardening" by Dick Raymond; and "Square Foot Gardening" by Mel Bartholomew.

QUESTION — A reader wants instructions for making jel candles.

QUESTION — The Yoder family is restoring an old spring wagon, with the name W&H Rowland — Philadelphia stamped on the springs. Does anyone know when this company was in business?

QUESTION — Stephanie

Luckenbaugh, Abbottstown, is looking for a recipe or instructions on making dandelion shampoo.

QUESTION — Diana Hansen, Turnersville, N.J., would like instructions for making braided rugs from rags or the craft for painted floor mats.

QUESTION — Earl Brinton, Severn, Md., has a problem with crows nesting in his area. This resulted in no baby robins last year. What can be done to discourage crows from settling in residential neighborhoods?

ANSWER — L. Casteel wanted to know the value of 10- and 20-quart White Mountain ice cream freezers electrified with jacks and motors. In the past the freezers had been used to make homemade ice cream for festivals, but most of the workers have grown older and the work is too difficult for them to continue. Thanks to Verna Nolt, 575 New Holland Rd., New Holland, PA 17557, who writes that she doesn't know the value but is interested in buying the 10-quart freezer. She would like to know the price and condition before making the final decision.

ANSWER — M.L. Smyer, York, requested information on lightening bugs. She wrote a delightful antidote about when she was 17 years old and a boy tried to impress her by releasing three shoe boxes of lightening bugs in front of her. She said the display was beautiful and better than any firecracker display. Since then she has been trying to find out more about the bugs. Thanks to Catherine Goubeaux, Strasburg, who clipped an article from her local newspaper that had been written by Sonia Randall, Oregon. According to the printed information, the fireflies light is produced in one of the rear segments of its abdomen. Its ability to turn the light on and off is called flashing and is believed to be a means of communicating courtship.

Most females do not fly but perch on a grass or twig and flash a light at regular intervals. Soon a male will respond and alight beside her.

Several varieties of fireflies have varying lengths

of time between flashes and different shades of lights but each species can identify its own kind. More than 130 different flashing patterns have been observed.

Ancient Romans called them flying stars. Light from a bottle full of fireflies were used to perform an emergency operation during the Spanish-American War. It has been observed that frogs that swallow a large number of fireflies will begin to glow themselves.

Fireflies kept in a jar too long will lose their glow and eventually die. Although young fireflies take up to a year to develop, the adult life is only a few days or weeks.

The firefly is considered a beetle although it has a soft-sided body. Young fireflies, called larvae, and the nonflying females are often called glowworms. Some larvae even glow inside an egg.

Fireflies are not the only living organism that can produce light called bioluminescence. Some deep sea creatures and fish can glow in the dark but they cannot turn their lights off and on.

Scientists have tried but not succeeded in duplicating this cold light that is different from the warm light produced electrically by a light bulb.

ANSWER — Susanna Fisher, Lewistown, sends another view of Jackie Hall's question about moss growing on rock. Susanna writes that several years ago she read an article by a gardener specializing in planter gardens. She wanted green algae or moss to grow on terra cotta, stone, concrete planters and any semi-porous surfaces to give them character so they would not be so stark and harsh. She painted a damp pot with plain yogurt. The green moss grows within weeks instead of months and years that nature normally requires. If you add an extra layer of yogurt every week or two, it speeds up the process. This method may be used while plants are growing inside. The moss will grow faster if the pot is dampened occasionally but don't use a harsh spray of water or it will wash off the yogurt. If you ever want to remove the green growth, use bleach.

Quilt Odyssey To Open Aug. 2 In Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — Quilt Odyssey, an annual quilt show and symposium, will take place at the AllStar Sports Center located four miles south of the square in Gettysburg on Old Business Route 15 from Aug. 2-5.

Quilts from the annual contest which is sponsored by Quilter's Newsletter Magazine, Pfaff, Bernina, Husqvarna-Viking, Brother, P&B Textiles, EZ Quilting by Wright's and Roxanne Products will be on exhibit. These quilts come from all over the U.S. from Maine to California — even Hawaii. This year, the exhibit includes quilts from Canada,

Japan, England and The Netherlands. In the same location will be an antique quilt exhibit featuring quilts from Franklin, York, and Adams counties, plus an exhibit of Tifaifai (Tahitian applique) quilts. The exhibits help to show how quilting has evolved as an art form. A large merchants mall with more than 85 merchants will offer the latest in fabric (including Civil War reproduction fabrics), quilting gadgets, frames, furniture, sewing machines, books, supplies and quilt-related gifts and merchandise. Exhibit and merchant mall hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday

through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Historical lectures will be offered, both as a "light lunch and lecture" and in the evenings. On Friday, Aug. 3, there will be a light lunch and extensive slide lecture at noon on the York County Documentation project given by Joan Hamme and Barbara Garrett. At 8 p.m., Jeana Kimball will lecture on pioneer women and their quilts at the Eisenhower Inn next to the Allstar. Saturday evening at 6:30, Jeana Kimball will lecture on 19th Century applique at the Eisenhower, and Anita Shackelford will lec-

ture on "Dating Old Quilts" at the Allstar. Tickets must be pre-purchased for "light lunch and lecture."

Phyllis Twigg, a certified AQS appraiser, will be on hand at the Eisenhower to offer her services. If you are interested in having your family heirloom appraised for insurance purposes — or simply out of curiosity — appointments can be made before the show by calling Quilt Odyssey at the number below.

Started because of her love of quilting and at the urging of family and friends, the founder of Quilt Odyssey, Melissa Molino,

never dreamed it would get international attention from quilters around the world. "It is exciting to hear from quilters from the far reaches of the U.S. and around the world. Quilting brings people together," states Melissa. "And it's good for the soul."

For more information, call (717) 423-5148, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., e-mail Quilt Odyssey at dmolino@mail.cvn.net, or write to Quilt Odyssey at 15004 Burnt Mill Road, Shippensburg, PA 17527. Registration, contest, and accommodation information also can be found at Quilt Odyssey's Website: www.quiltodyssey.com.