

Historic Quilts Unveiled At Landis Valley Farm Museum



Landis Valley Museum Interpretive Guide Lois Coleman prepares an antique patchwork, variable star pattern quilt (circa. 1840) for display in the upcoming "Quilts of Landis Valley" Exhibition planned at the Museum from April 3-April 21.

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Thirty extraordinary affique quilts, never before exhibited to the public, have been resurrected from deep storage, cleaned, and prepared for public viewing in "The Quilts of Landis Valley" Exhibition.

This colorful, visually exciting and educational exhibition will be conducted at Landis Valley Museum, a living history crossroads village located at 2451 Kissel Hill Road in Lancaster, on April 3 through April 21.

These 30 exquisite bedcoverings, chosen from among 80 in Landis Valley Museum's stored textile collection, represents various quilting techniques, materials, patterns, forms and quilting traditions of the Pennsylvania German families in Southeastern Pennsylvania from 1830 through the very early 1900s. The exhibition includes several children's quilts, whole cloth, pieced, appliqued and an unquilted crazy quilt. The majority of these quilts were either collected by the Museum's founders, the Landis Brothers, or given to the Museum by Central Pennsylvania families wishing to have their family treasures safely preserved for generations to come. A few of the pieces are from outside of Pennsylvania, such as a New Jersey Friendship Quilt, but have been included in the exhibition due to their historical importance.

The exhibition will have multiple components to enjoy throughout the Museum's various historic and gallery buildings including the Visitor Center Auditorium showcasing a large number of the quilts; The Visitor Center Gallery with displays of quilting patterns, textiles and sewing tools; The Textile Building featuring more quilts; The Erisman House with a selection of sewing tools; The Landis House fea-

turing "the crazy quilt;" The Country Store offering a fabric display and The Brick Farmstead with a display of the earliest quilts.

Tickets to the exhibition are available to the public in two forms:

1. The "Quilts of Landis Valley Exhibition, Lunch and Lecture" package, which includes admission to the museum, a tour of the quilt exhibition, luncheon in one of the historic museum buildings followed by an informative lecture by quilt and textile experts is available and limited to 120 guests per day for \$26 per ticket.

The guest lecturers for the package include:

- Wednesday, April 3 — Trish Herr, well-known textile expert and author, speaking on Hidden Treasures: Quilts from The Landis Valley Collection

- Thursday, April 4 — Rachel Pellman, quilt expert and author, speaking on: Amish women and their Quilts

- Friday, April 5 — Arlene Hess, expert quilter and 10th generation Lancaster Mennonite, speaking on Mennonite Quilting

- Saturday, April 6 — Nancy Roan, textile and quilt expert, speaking on The Fabrics in Grandma's Quilt

This exhibition, lunch and lecture package is available Wednesday, April 3 through Saturday, April 6, beginning with the tour at 10 a.m. through the finishing of the lecture at 2:15 p.m. Reservations are required for this package and can be made by calling (717) 569-0401 ext. 200.

2. The "Quilts of Landis Valley Exhibition" ticket, at the cost of \$16, is an alternative. It includes admission to the museum and entrance to all quilt exhibits, and is available April 3 through 6 after 2:30 p.m. and then Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sundays from noon to 4

p.m.; from Sunday, April 7 through the close of the exhibition on Sunday, April 21. The Museum is closed on Mondays.

The Landis Valley Museum, located on 100 acres a few miles north of Lancaster City, was founded in the 1920s by the Landis Brothers to document and preserve the material culture and heritage of early Pennsylvania Germans. It has grown from a handful of buildings to a crossroads village and museum comprised of many exhibit areas and structures original to Landis Valley, relocated early buildings, and new state of the art display and collection facility.

The museum, previously publicized for its use as a location in the movie *Beloved*, includes educational exhibits, a farmstead with historical breeds of animals, period demonstrations, and a highly regarded heirloom seed project that preserves and chronicles historical plants and seeds. The collections of buildings, artifacts and exhibits along with the demonstration of traditional crafts and skills give a comprehensive overview and interpretation of past German rural life.

This accurate picture of early German life in the colonies helps scholars, students, area residents and tourists from all over the world understand the important role the German culture played in those years gone by and in world in which we live today.

Landis Valley Museum is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and is actively supported by The Landis Valley Associates, Membership and Volunteer Corp.

The Museum is located 2.5 miles north of Lancaster on route 272/Oregon Pike, a marked exit from both Route 30 and Rt. 222. For information call (717) 569-0401 or visit our Website at www.landisvalleymuseum.org.

Chester County Extension Offers Educational Meetings

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — Plan to attend "Radon in the Home: Myths and Realities," an educational program Monday, April 8, from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the extension office at the County Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester. To register, call (610) 696-3500 by April 1.

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To learn about causes and a range of possible techniques to eliminate home moisture problems,

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Penn State Cooperative Extension is offering a two-evening class on "Financial Planning For Retirement: Getting An Early Start" May 16 and 23, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the extension office in West Chester. To register, call (610) 696-3500 by May 9.

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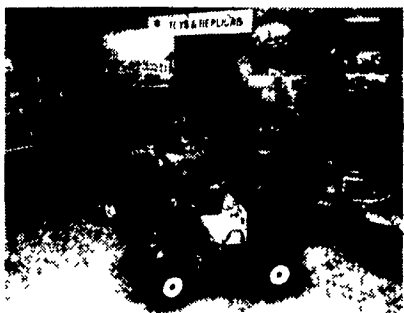


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RIDGE & GIRARD FARMERS' MARKET. Friday 2 to 6 pm. Neighborhood market wants to add one vegetable grower and a tree fruit grower.

BROAD & GIRARD FARMERS' MARKET. State Representative and coalition of 25 community groups will establish a farmers' market on Girard Avenue near Broad Street. Looking for vegetable and fruit growers, poultry, and eggs. Day and time open, depending on farmers

ITALIAN MARKET. Philadelphia's oldest, largest, and most colorful outdoor market. Thursday through Saturday. Looking for general and specialty vegetable and fruit growers to fill market schedule. Can be one or more days.

FRANKFORD FARMERS' MARKET. New market looking for farmers or association of farmers to sell own vegetables and tree fruit in Northeast Philadelphia neighborhood park.

FLOWER AND FRUIT MARKET. University of Pennsylvania area, new market on weekday. Looking for flower and fruit growers for May, June and September market. July and August also possible for vegetable grower.

NORTHERN LIBERTIES. Second Street Corridor north of Market Street. Renaissance neighborhood. New businesses opening, strong residential community. Need vegetable and fruit growers for a weekday market.



The farmers' markets are a joint project of Farm to City and the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture

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