

Learn Lace-Making Art



Karen Wattai shows some of the projects made by members of the Keystone Lace Guild. Any one interested in making, studying, or collecting lace (demonstrations are in bobbin, tatting, crocheted, knitted, needle, and other styles) are invited to attend the Guild's meetings conducted the first Sunday in February, March, and April, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, E. Lehman St. (between 5th and 6th Avenues), Lebanon. For more information, call Linda Sweitzer (717) 274-5719 or e-mail twistedthread@worldnet.att.net.

FFA Students Team Up For Dirt Demo

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Students from the Mifflinburg Area High School gave Farm Show visitors something to look forward to recently.

Four members of the High School FFA Chapter helped gear up for spring with a demonstration on "Landscaping Your Home."

The four students, well versed in their presentation, showed spectators a step-by-step example of how to beautify their lawn.

The most important thing to remember when you begin a landscaping project is to have a specified plan, according to the students. A homeowner needs to make sure that the trees, shrubbery, and plants are appropriate for the soil type and are compatible amongst each other. Other considerations include root depth, aesthetic purposes, and wildlife attractions.

The next step in landscaping your home is to remove the grass and roots from the area you wish to plant in. A daunting task, this is crucial for preventing grass and weeds from taking over plants later on. Additionally, it is important to apply mulch and till the soil, breaking apart any large clumps of dirt.

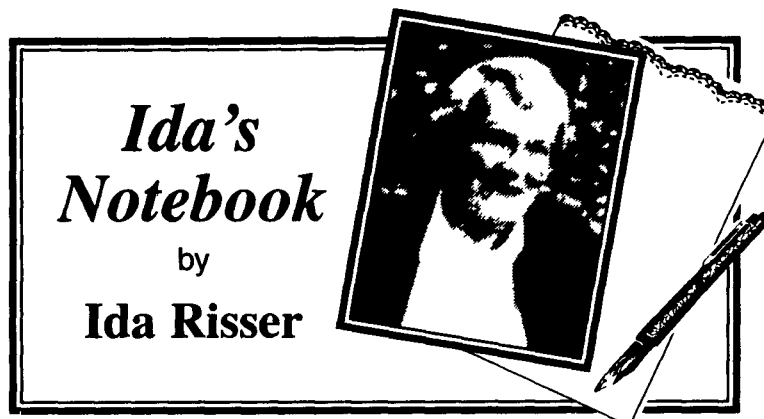
Next, the students demonstrated the art of laying landscape fabric. This durable material is available in most home and garden stores and allows the homeowner to cut holes in the material, where plants can later be

inserted into the ground. This manufactured material is ideal for preventing unwanted growth around your intact plants. Following this preparation, the artistic element of landscape takes place as plants are arranged and mulched, according to the personal preference of the landscaper.

Finally, Mifflinburg FFA students proved the extent of their knowledge by demonstrating a mock irrigation system installa-

tion. This becomes increasingly important during dry seasons, or for the homeowner who doesn't have time to water plants manually every day. The attractiveness of the irrigated landscape can still be maintained with simple mulch coverings.

The landscaping demonstration was conducted in conjunction with the 87th Pennsylvania Farm Show Jan. 11-18 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.



January is almost over and I have not started my usual winter activities. It seems that there are so many problems to solve each day.

What do we do when someone drives their truck through our meadow and rips up the grass?

What do we do when doctors disagree on treatment for Allen's ailment?

What do we do when the Fish and Boat Commission intends to rip out a dam near our home in order that shad can go upstream to spawn? This would definitely affect us.

Last week we had three doctors' appointments in two days. We surely know what it is to sit by the hour in a doctor's office

and wait. Of course, many other people wait with us. We get told to take one day at a time and things will take care of themselves. But, that is easier said than done. Thus the days pass by and leave us in a dither.

On one of our trips to town we stopped at a restaurant for a meal. Our daughter had given us a coupon, and so we used it. We certainly can eat at home for a lot less money. But, occasionally we do like to put our feet under someone else's table.

We've had a few visitors recently and that makes the days pass more quickly. Some are friends we've had for years while others are new friends from far away. It is comforting to know

that others are thinking of us.

Now I must go and clean our garage as some animal gets in through the pet door at nighttime. Whatever it is has upset all the birdseed bags, the newspaper pile, the fishing rods and many other things. What could it be?

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