

# Heritage Camp Scheduled August 13

ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — Winters Heritage House, 47 East High Street, is still accepting registrations for its final Heritage Camp of the summer on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

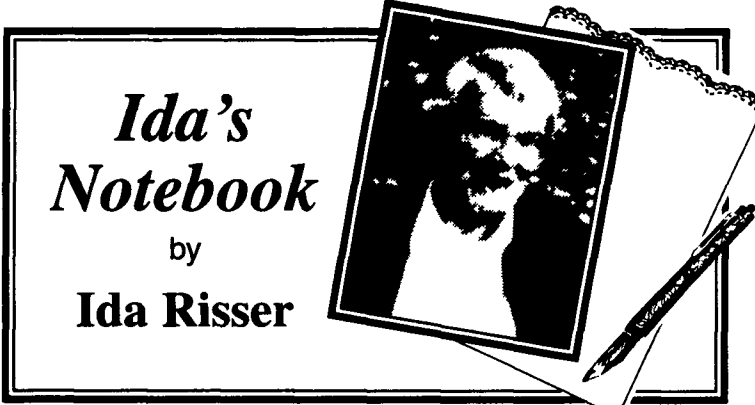
Heritage Camp is a fun, yet educational experience designed for children ages 7 to 12 years old. A solid hands-on curriculum and positive parental feedback have kept this living history program going strong for 12 years.

The next camp session will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., during which time a snack is provided. Campers bring only a brown bag lunch. The fee for 2003 Family members of the museum is \$15 or \$18 for non-members of the museum. The theme planned for Aug. 13 is Native Americans. Craft projects for girls and boys will include making a rainstick, roasting ears of corn, constructing a leather pouch, and an Indian Owner Stick.

Museum staff divide children into three groups based on age and skill level, while volunteer teachers and assistants guide the children through each planned activity. A number of local Girl Scouts, including Laura Ness, Michelle Cina, Rhiannon Eckinger, Katy Retherford, Meghan Moir, and Taylor Crum, have provided ongoing assistance with Heritage Camp and the museum's participation in the downtown Thursday Lunch Series.

Winters Heritage House seeks to preserve local history by engaging community support to identify buildings of historical significance; developing living history experiences; and documenting artifacts and archiving texts of historical value.

For more information or to register a child, call the museum at (717) 367-4672.



*Ida's Notebook*  
by  
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Would you believe that I am still picking a few sugar peas in August? As I did not pull them off of the fence, they bloomed and gave a second crop. And, the other week I was surprised to be given some plums to can. Our son has planted some fruit trees and the plum tree had a big crop this year. Some were used for plum jam too.

Our two rows of new strawberry plants has given me lots of work as I try to keep it clear of weeds. The last time that I hoed it there were deer tracks all through the patch. It is just a stone's throw from our house.

Recently, I read my mother's diary of 65 years ago. At that time she had seven girls at home to help her with household chores. She had her girls pick beans by the basket. But, instead of freezing them, as I do, she dried the green string beans. This definitely gave them a different flavor. She planted a lot of celery in the tobacco beds. That is something that I no longer grow as it is a lot of work to have bleached celery for Thanksgiving dinner. As one gets older it is a temptation to buy some vegetables from the grocery store.

Every other year our immediate family of 29 members tries to get together for a week's vacation. The emphasis is on "tries" as some members can only be with us a few days. This year they plan to gather in Tioga County to build a large cottage with three bedrooms. Some of our sons have almost grown sons who can help to finish the building. It will be a working vacation but that is the only way that it will be completed.

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