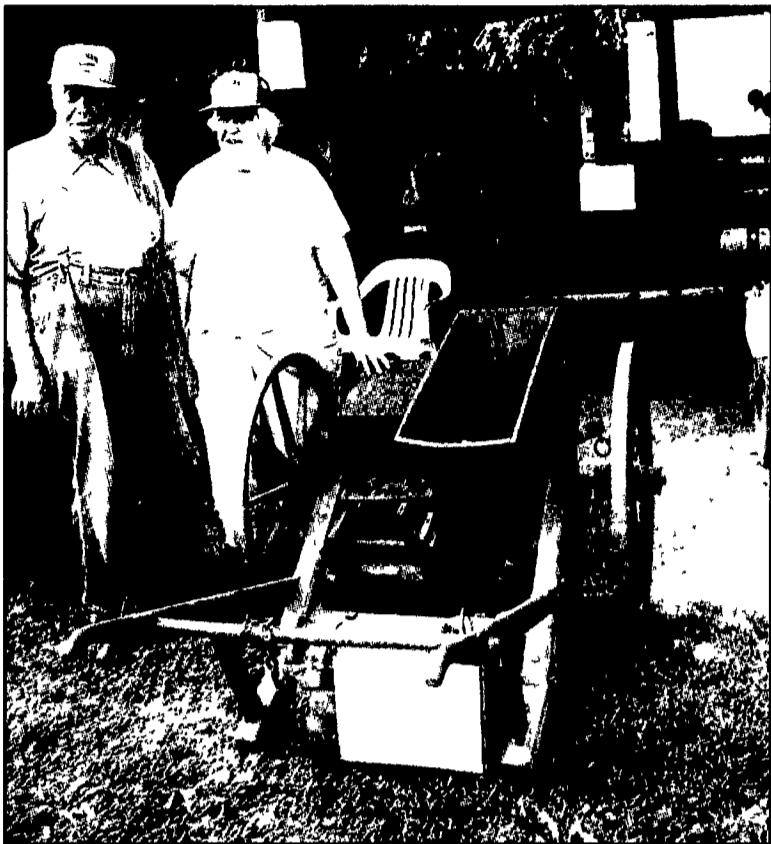


Lancaster Farming *Antiques Center*



Anna and Horace Wilson explain how this rare 1700s' corn planter was used. The Wilsons recently displayed several pieces from their collection called "Home and Farm Antiques" at the Kimberton Fair.

Home And Farm Antiques Highlight Ag's Progression

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KIMBERTON (Chester Co.) — A rare 1700s corn planter caught the attention of Kimberton fairgoers recently.

Anna and Horace Wilson displayed a part of their collection they call "Home and Farm Antiques."

The 1700s corn planter is a treasured piece that Anna said she purchased 15 years ago.

"When we saw the piece advertised at an auction, my husband said, 'Take the checkbook,'" Anna said.

She did. The Wilsons now have a fascinating piece to show to people who like to see how farming was done in the old days.

The horse-drawn planter was made in Telford.

"I think it is one-of-a-kind," Anna said.

Different size plates are in place to use varying kernel sizes. The planter plowed a row, dropped a kernel, and rolled the soil over the kernel in one process.



According to the Wilsons, this 1838 meat grinder is the same as that displayed in the Smithsonian Institute.

"This should be in a museum," a museum curator told her.

"It is," Anna responded.

"We cleaned out our attic and built a five-car garage to display our collection. Now that's full of stuff and so is our cow stable," Wilson said.

Antiques connoisseurs often look at the Wilsons' collection with envy.

The Wilsons are happy to show their collection to people who call in advance.

For an appointment to see the antiques, call (610) 933-6670.



Corn planting was a laborious job when this item was used. Horace Wilson and his wife have a series of corn planters that show the advances made in developing equipment to make farming easier.

Bid On Antiques, More At Ag Progress Days' Silent Auction

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Early Christmas shopping and bargain hunting will be combined when the Pasto Agricultural Museum conducts its fourth silent auction during Penn State's Ag Progress Days, Tuesday, Aug. 19 and Wednesday, Aug. 20. Almost 150 items ranging from Penn State/Ohio State football tickets to a new John Deere lawn tractor and new Massey Ferguson tractor blade have been donated according to museum volunteer curator Darwin Braund.

"Buyers will find items to meet practically any interest, need, and checking account," Braund said.

"Donors have been very generous in supplying a wide variety of useful items to help generate funds to preserve the rich heritage of agriculture and rural living. Proceeds will benefit the Penn State Ag Alumni Endowment for the Pasto Agricultural Museum."

Items for bid include antique hand and farm tools, scale, butter churn, iron kettles, miner's basket, newer and antique model tractors and trucks, meats from the University Meats Lab, and Penn State Creamery cheese.

Farm production items include bull semen, cow stall mat, ten tons of shredded and baled newsprint for animal bedding, fencing supplies, alfalfa and corn seed, a four-year subscription to *Lancaster Farming* and a three-year subscription to Farm and Dairy newspapers.

Donations for fun and recreation include Penn State football tickets, Nittany Valley Symphony tickets, a cottage rental on Lake Raystown, and certificates for dinner.

Items that might make good gifts include an ox yoke, photo-



Equine enthusiasts looking for a Western Pleasure saddle will find one in excellent condition. Donated by the family of James P. (Jim) Gallagher in memory of the former Penn State extension specialist, it was his personal saddle. With a rich medium oil color and silver trim, it has a 15½-inch seat.

graphs and prints, gift baskets, fresh peaches, a hanging corner cupboard, antique pewter ice cream molds, milk bottles, Penn State sports balls, clothes, and DVDs.

Collectors of brass bells will have many choices. Included are four sets of sleigh bells on leather straps, three sets of Conestoga Wagon bells (three, four, and five bell sets), four sets of sleigh shaft bells, two sets of hames bells, and two school hand bells.

New this year will be a cash and carry section. Buyers of these

items won't have to bid and wait until the end of the auction. They can pay cash for each specially marked item and take it with them upon completion of the transaction. Early arrivals will have the advantage in this section.

Bidding will close promptly at 3 p.m. on Wednesday. Successful bidders can pick up their items after payment (cash or good check) is processed Wednesday.

For more information call (814) 863-1383 or e-mail pastoagmuseum@psu.edu.

Agricultural Museum Lists Items For Silent Auction

- John Deere lawn tractor
- Penn State football tickets — Ohio State and Indiana
- Antique tools
- Penn State Creamery cheese
- Dinner at Tavern Restaurant
- Penn State University milk bottles
- Meats from Penn State's meats lab
- Special edition toy tractors and trucks
- *Lancaster Farming* 4-year subscription
- Farm and Dairy 3-year subscription
- Fencing equipment
- Hybrid seed corn
- Alfalfa seed
- Antique furniture
- Artwork
- Dazey glass butter churn
- Miner's basket
- Iron kettles
- Limited edition soft toy rabbit
- Four skid steer loader tires
- Butter bowl and paddle
- Novelty blanket
- Western pleasure saddle
- Sleigh bells
- Conestoga Wagon bells
- Sleigh shaft bells
- Hames bells
- Hand school bells
- Nittany Valley Symphony tickets
- Cottage rental at Lake Raystown
- Taurus Service, Inc. bull semen
- Cow stall mat
- 10 tons shredded and baled newsprint for animal bedding
- Ox yoke
- Photographs and prints
- Hanging corner cupboard
- Roto-tiller
- Antique pewter ice cream molds
- Fresh peaches
- Massey Ferguson tractor blade
- Select Sire Power, Inc. bull semen
- Antique fireplace facing and mantle
- Antique music box with records
- Plus many more items!

Auction proceeds will benefit the Penn State Ag Alumni Endowment for the Pasto Agricultural Museum.

For more information or complete listing, contact the Pasto Agricultural Museum at (814) 863-1383 or pastoagmuseum@psu.edu.