

Bloomers planning 2009 tour

The Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club has announced that its 2009 "Tour of Back Mountain Gardens" will be held Saturday, June 27.

There is a wide variety to the seven properties that have been chosen. The descriptions include: a mature, classical European-style landscape with beautiful views; an historical property and gardens with recently uncovered and restored hardscaping; a multi-faceted garden, including rock ledge gardens, miniature garden and a hosta collection; a formal estate with gazebo, pool, fountains and four-season gardens; a beautiful small cottage garden, complete with white picket fence; a hidden gem with multi-level gardens nestled in a country setting; and a well-tended organic vegetable garden surrounded by beds of annuals and perennials.

A full schedule of workshops and demonstrations is planned by some of the region's most recognized master gardeners, professional landscapers and arborists. The topics include "Feeding and Care of Backyard Birds," "Perennial Favorites," "Using Compost in Your Garden," "Walking Tour of Trees, Shrubs & Perennials," "Arranging Flowers from Your Garden," "Inte-



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This beautiful garden along Carverton Road in Trucksville will be one of the seven gardens featured during the Back Mountain Bloomers 2009 "Tour of Back Mountain Gardens" on Saturday, June 27.

grated Pest Management Clinic," "Pruning Clinic," "Organic Gardening Practices," "Dried Flower Arrangements," "Ask the Master Gardener," "Global Warming Impacts in Your Garden," and "The Wonders of Water Features."

The Back Mountain Bloomers will also hold a Small Standard Flower Show that day. This year's theme is "Fireworks!" There will be four design classes, four miniature classes, four or more horticulture classes and some special exhibit classes. Entries are welcome. For Flower Show information, contact Louise Mattas at 674-5973.

Renowned Back Mountain artist Sue Hand will be at work

painting a garden on the tour. That painting will be offered at a Silent Auction at 4 p.m. that afternoon. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association.

The Bloomers' 2003, 2005 and 2007 Garden Tours attracted more than 1400 people and raised over \$13,500 for the Trails Association.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available by mail registration. There is a \$5 discount for tickets purchased on or before June 20.

Tickets will also be on sale at the following locations as of June 1: Back Mountain Library, 96 Huntsville Rd, Dallas; Wild Birds

Unlimited, Dallas Shopping Center; The Lands at Hillside Farms, Hillside Road, Shavertown; and Perennial Point, 1158 River Rd., Plains.

Tickets will also be on sale at the Back Mountain Library and at the featured homes on the day of the event.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the event, call Judy Rimple at 675-9016 or Angela Vitkoski at 718-6507; e-mail avitkoski@pecpa.org; or mail payment along with your name, address, phone and e-mail information to Anthracite Scenic Trails Association, P.O. Box 212, Dallas, PA 18612.

WYOMING SEMINARY DEAN'S LIST

Wyoming Seminary Dean John Gordon has announced the Back Mountain area students named to the Upper School Dean's List for the winter trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year.

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DEAN'S LIST

Mordechai Bell, Shavertown; Catherine Clements, Shavertown; Julia Clements, Shavertown; Allison Considine, Dallas; Joshua Demilta, Shickshinny; Adria Eckert, Dallas; Omeed Firouzi, Shavertown; Alexandra Hackett, Shavertown; Madeleine Hackett, Shavertown; Jane Henry, Shavertown; Lauren Henry, Dallas; Shane Kalna, Shavertown; Alex Kolessar, Shavertown; Derek Koppen, Shavertown; Louise Lumia, Dallas; Olivia Lumia, Dallas; Caroline Meuser, Shavertown; Ronald Rose, Shavertown; Margaret Rupp, Dallas; Lauren Skudalski, Wyoming; Alyxandria Stephens, Dallas; Spencer Youngman, Dallas.

BMT relay joins WV event

The Relay for Life of Back Mountain will return to its roots by merging with the Relay for Life of Wyoming Valley.

This year's theme is "Trinkets, Trash and Treasures" and will allow participants to be part of the biggest yard sale around.

The American Cancer So-

ciety invites everyone to become involved in the Wyoming Valley Relay slated for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13, to 10 a.m. Sunday, June 14, at King's College fields in Wilkes-Bare (across from Wegman's).

For more information, call Carol Marino at 562-9749, extension 3339.

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