'Tour of Back Mountain Gardens' offers sights and seminars

The Back Mountain Bloomers IF YOU GO ... Garden Club will hold 12 seminars and demonstrations by some of the region's most recognized master gardeners, arborists and landscapers during the organization's 2009 "Tour of Back Mountain Gardens" on Saturday. June 27.

The tour will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include the opportunity to tour seven unique and varied properties in the Back Mountain section of Luzerne County.

The seminars will cover a wide range of pertinent topics and will provide guests with the chance to ask questions of gardening and landscaping professionals.

New to the Garden Tour's of the Brown Hill Tree Co. workshops for 2009 are a number of topics including "Organic Gardening Practices" by Ron Petro, Master Gardener; and "Dried Flower Arrangements" by Barbara Soyka, Master Gardener.

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WHAT: Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club 2009 "Tour of Back Mountain Gardens'

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,

WHERE: Seven unique and varied properties in the Back Mountain. A map will be provided for a selfauided tour.

WHY: All proceeds benefit the Anthracite Scenic Trails Associ-

INFO: Judy Rimple at 675-9016 or Angela Vitkoski at 718-6507

Also new this year are "Pruning Clinic" by Jon Brown, Board Certified Master Arborist; and "Integrated Pest Management Clinic" by Mary Pat Appel, both

Appel is well known as a master gardener, horticulturist and ISA certified arborist. She joined Brown Hill Tree Co. as a consulting arborist in February 2009.

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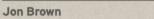
Other workshops and demonstrations will include "Feeding are available by mail registration. and Care of Backyard Birds" by representatives of Wild Birds Unlimited; "Perennial Favorites" by Bey Turner, Perennial Point: "Using Compost in Your Garden" by Dallas Shopping Center; The Tom Arndt, Earth Friendly Com- Lands at Hillside Farms, Hillside post; "Walking Tour of Trees, Shrubs & Perennials" by Rob Rave, Rave's Garden Center; "Arranging Flowers From Your Gar- Back Mountain Library and at den" by Renate Raffeck, Naturals the featured homes on the day of by Renate; and "The Wonders of the event.

Brown Hill Tree Co. and is a Water Features" by Shawn Ryb-

There will also be a chance for fessional and is a member of the guests to "Ask the Master Gar-International Society of Arborideners" with representatives culture and the Tree Care Indus- from Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Tickets are \$25 per person and Tickets are also available at the following locations: Back Mountain Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas; Wild Birds Unlimited, Road, Shavertown; and Perennial Point, 1158 River Rd., Plains. Tickets will also be on sale at the



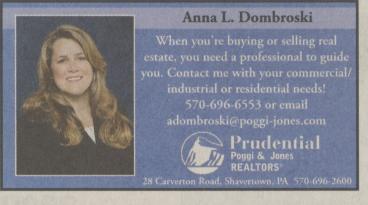




Mary Pat Appel













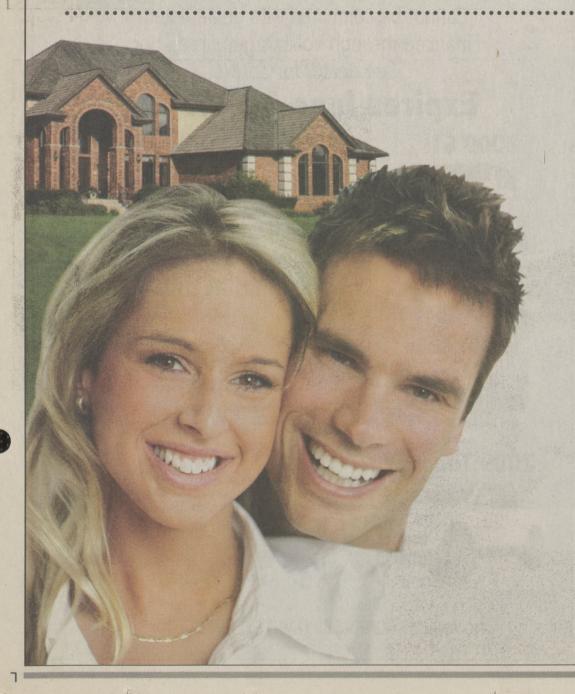
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