

BACK MOUNTAIN BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: EMBELLISH

# Home decor shop 'an accumulation of the senses'

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When Connie Dorrance opened Embellish, a home accents store at 12 Main St. in Dallas three years ago, this October, her mission was simple: to bring unique items for sale into the area.

So far, she said, her customers let her know with constant feedback that she's been successful at attaining that goal.

"I enjoy the people," Dorrance said, "and the people always say they are glad I brought the store to the Back Mountain."

Dorrance previously worked 28 years on the other end of the busi-

ness world, wholesale. She then decided it was time for a change and opened her own business, Embellish, in retail. Her husband, Ed, is retired and helps with lighting at the store.

When a customer enters the shop, he or she is greeted with an array of warm colors, soft music and a diverse selection of products - everything from tiny trinkets to garden statues, from contemporary to traditional and in between.

Dorrance described the store as "an accumulation of the senses" with a "comfortable feel."

"I try to make it as eclectic as I can," she said. "I try to have something for everyone, not only in the

products, but the prices."

She said the business also strives for positive community involvement, contributing to and supporting various organizations such as the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, the Dallas Harvest Festival, Misericordia University, North Branch Land Trust and several small fundraisers throughout the year.

Her advice to other local business owners is to simply love what you do. And to those who may be considering setting up shop in the area, she said, "Do so."

"If you love it, do it," she said. "If you never try, you will miss out on the opportunity."



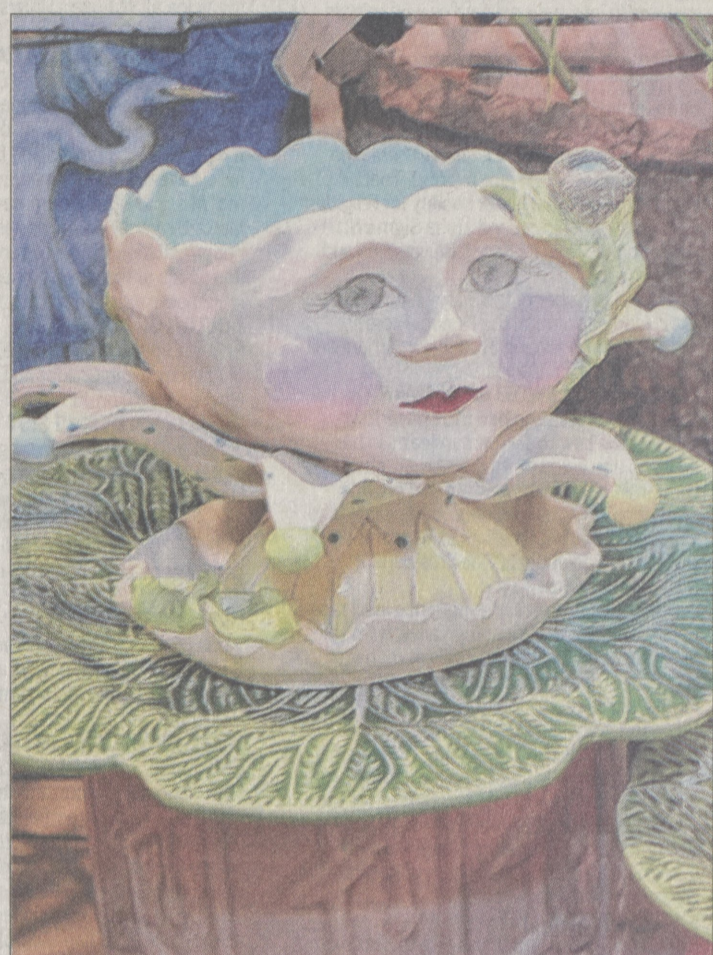
Connie Dorrance, owner of Embellish, stands among displays in the shop.

**MEET THE OWNER: CONNIE DORRANCE**

Residence: Dallas  
Hobbies: Decorating and gardening  
Favorite flower: Hydrangea  
Best colors for room decoration: Neutral shades  
Music: Easy listening



Connie Dorrance, owner of Embellish, 12 Main St., Dallas, fixes up a display in the shop.



Pottery is displayed for sale at Embellish, 12 Main Street, Dallas.

## Wyoming County receives DEP grant

To help further recycling efforts, Wyoming County has been awarded a \$36,082 state grant under the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) County Recycling Coordinator Grant Program, announced state Reps. Sandra Major (R-Susquehanna/Wayne/Wyoming) and Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming).

"Wyoming County has done an excellent job in increasing its recycling efforts, which helps preserve space in our landfills, protect our environment and save energy otherwise spent on waste collection and disposal," said Major. "This funding will help make sure recycling efforts continue to be available throughout the county."

"While recycling is vital for our environment and for reducing the amount of material that goes into landfills, it is also a significant economic factor in Pennsylvania because a growing number of our

industries and businesses are either directly or indirectly involved with recycling, with more products being produced with recycled material every year," said Boback.

The grant will be used for the reimbursement of 50 percent of the county recycling coordinator's salary and expenses.

Typical duties of the county recycling coordinator include, but are not limited to:

- Development of recycling public education programs.
- Assistance to municipalities in development of recycling programs.
- Assistance to municipalities in the preparation of recycling grant applications.
- Assistance in selection of materials to be recycled.
- Identification of opportunities for inter-municipal cooperation.
- Collecting recycling program data and reporting the information to DEP.

## Diggin' into reading

The "Dig into READING!" summer reading program at the Back Mountain Memorial Library kicked off with a "Dig Into DIGGERS!" program on June 17.

Chad Honeywell, of CB Honeywell Construction in Sweet Valley, took a big piece of construction equipment to the library grounds and showed children how it works and why and when it is used.



Trent Gaus, of Harveys Lake, gets a lesson in heavy equipment operation from Chad Honeywell Sr., of CB Construction in Sweet Valley, who brought his machinery to the Back Mountain Memorial Library grounds to demonstrate and begin the summer reading program called "Dig into Reading!"



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Lucy Honeywell, of Sweet Valley, puts on her hard hat and gets ready for a heavy equipment construction demonstration at the Back Mountain Memorial Library's summer "Dig into Reading!" program.

## A day at the beach

Harveys Lake Beach Association holds Fourth Annual Open House and Art Show

The Harveys Lake Beach Association holds its Fourth Annual Open House and Arts on the Beach on June 23. There were artists, antiques, books and stamp collections, pottery, jewelry and purses, dolls, crafts, painting on glass, art and poetry books, caricatures, Avon representatives, refreshments and swimming - something for everyone to enjoy the beautiful day provided by Mother Nature.



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Lisa Cleaver teaches Brandon Cleaver a few strokes at the Harveys Lake Beach Club Annual Open House for new members.

## Kingston Township Board of Supervisors donate to Dallas High School Parent Teacher Student Organization Lock-In

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors presented a \$250 donation to the Dallas High School Parent Teacher Student Organization Graduation 2013 Lock-in to help support the all-night party held for the graduating class of 2013.

The event is designed to provide a safe drug and alcohol free party for the high school seniors on graduation night. Many activities including food, entertainment, prizes and games are planned to allow the senior class to have a final night together with their classmates in a safe environment.



The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors presented a \$250 donation to the Dallas High School Parent Teacher Student Organization Graduation 2013 Lock-in. From left, are Supervisor Frank Natitus, Supervisor Sam Barbose, 2013 Lock-In Committee Chairpersons Trudy McAndrew and Donna Kon, Chairman Jeffrey Box, Vice-Chairman Shirley Moyer and Supervisor James Reino.