

Mount Joy candlelight tour, Sunday

The Mount Joy Business and Professional Women's Club will be sponsoring their annual Candlelight Tour on Sunday, November 19, 1978 between 2:00 and 7:00 PM. Donation is \$2.50.

The homes included in the tour are as follows:

1. **Schock Presbyterian Home.** Mrs. Mary Dunsmore, Administrator, 37 E. Main Street, Mount Joy. (Please Note: This home will be open from 2:00 to 5:00 only). This gracious home was once the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schock, owner and founder of The Sico Company, who donated it to Presbyterian Homes, Inc. After several additions, it was completed for occupancy by 25 guests in 1958.

Currently, fourteen guests reside at the Home and dine on the big round table used by Schock to conduct his business meetings. Located in the first floor dining room, it is supported by one large steel pillar cemented into the basement floor.

Meals on Wheels are prepared in the kitchen.

2. **St. Mark's United Methodist Church Sanctuary and Parsonage.** Rev. and Mrs. Roger Colvin, 35

E. Main Street, Mount Joy.

In the Sanctuary of the Church, the annual Harvest Home displays will be on exhibit. Eight windows, as well as the Altar, are decorated by members of the congregation with the splendor of fall.

The Parsonage, provided for the pastor's family, was built in 1962. It is the only house on Main Street without a chimney. The heat is piped underground from the furnace in the church.

Basic appliances and some furniture are provided with the parsonage family adding the rest to suit their particular needs. Rev. and Mrs. Colvin prefer the Early American style and their rooms reflect their interests and hobbies. Memorabilia from thirteen years of living in Puerto Rico, an amateur radio station, construction site for radio-controlled gliders, handcrafts and plants are visible throughout the home.

3. **Groff's Farm,** Pinkerton Road, Mount Joy. Well-known to guests from all over the country, this fieldstone farmhouse, circa 1750, was restored in 1955 and served as both home and restaurant for the Groff family for many years.

More recently, it has been used exclusively as a restaurant only where Abe and Betty serve their famous meals.

Many fine antiques are in the large home, including an unusual hand-carved high poster bed, Victorian crib, cradle, brass bed, Cherry Dutch cupboard and many more items of interest.

Light refreshments will be served.

4. **Studio of Dance and Gymnastics,** Mrs. Eleanor Hildebrandt, Director, 17 New Haven Street, Mount Joy. Once used as a marketplace complete with stalls, then a church, and later a furniture store, this building now is dedicated to the advancement of the arts. Several of the 250 students will be giving alternating demonstrations of ballet barre as taught by Mrs. Hildebrandt. The Lancettes, coached by Mr. Jack Brunner and Mr. Jim Tarnowski, will give beam, uneven bars, and tumbling demonstrations. Mrs. Nancy Biesecker will direct pre-school creative movement. Gymnast Maria White will perform national award-winning routines.

Paintings, drawings and sculpture by the teachers and students of the Studio

will be on display in the lobby.

5. **Mount Joy Area Historical Society Building,** Fairview Street, Mount Joy. This building, erected in 1913, was formerly the Macedonia Africa Methodist Episcopal Church. Used by the congregation until June, 1973, it was purchased this year by the Historical Society to be changed to a meeting hall, library for historical materials, and office. Restoration, thus far, includes roof repairs, painting, electrical and heating improvements, plus the walls for the new historical library and office.

Future plans call for a complete renovation by 1979.

6. **Home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shumaker,** 880 Terrace Avenue, Mount Joy. Built in 1973, this raised rancher of Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker is more modern in decor. An unusual metal spiral staircase leads from the first floor living room to the daylight recreation room in the basement.

In the master bedroom is a 9 foot water bed which holds 2,000 pounds of water. It is filled by hose water and purifiers must be added about every six months.

7. **Apartment of Mrs. Christine Brown,** 329 Plum Street, Complex #2, Mount Joy. This beautiful apartment is filled with antiques in the true sense of the word. Almost all of the items have been in either Mrs. Brown's or her husbands' families since the 18th century.

A grandfather clock, built by Jacob Gorgus in 1718, has a place of honor in the livingroom, along with a Victorian love seat, Mr. and Mrs. chairs, two parlor chairs and marble top tables. Fine examples of crystal and tinware are evident in the dining area and kitchen.

8. **Home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stohler,** R. D. 1, Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy. This Early American ranch style home was built in 1971. The Cathedral ceiling would suggest a more modern decor. However, the Stohlers have cleverly decorated their home with antiques and items collected over the years. It also contains furniture reproductions made by Mr. Stohler including a drysink, jelly cupboard, fireside table and many other items.

9. **Walnut Tree Farm,** Mrs. Mary Sarver and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witman, Old Harrisburg Pike between Mount Joy and Rheems. Mrs. Sarver and Mr. and Mrs. Witman will again greet their guests with genuine hospitality in

their one-of-a-kind farm home. Even though it has been visited many times previously, the warmth of this large Pennsylvania German farmhouse and the charm and graciousness of the owners is always a

highlight of the Tour.

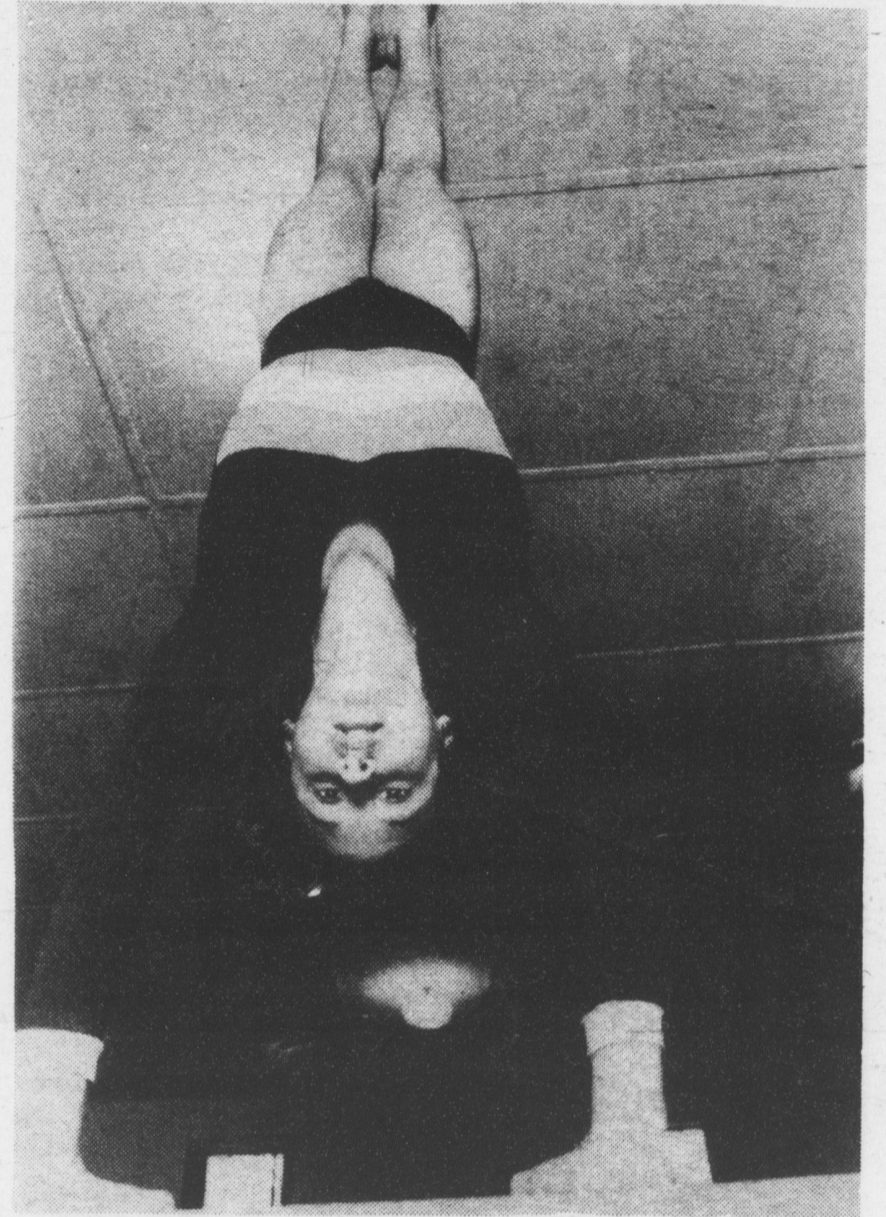
Each of the twenty-one rooms offers something of interest. Demonstrations of various crafts will be shown.

10. **Home of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Weidman,** R. D. 2, Mount Joy. The lovely home of the Weidman family is over 100 years old. The house is

furnished with many antiques such as a Moravian cupboard made between 1780 and 1800, a John Eby clock dated 1797, large doughtray table, cherry dutch cupboard, and corner cupboard, to name a few.

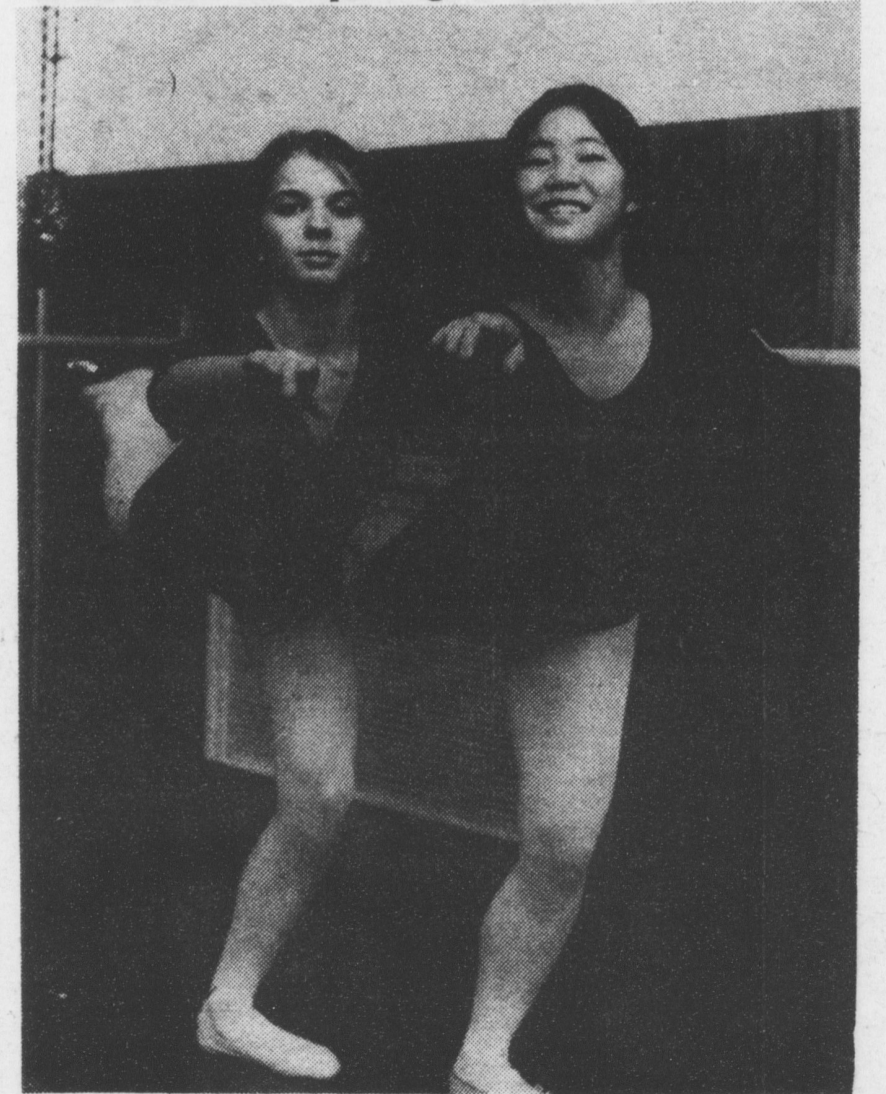
An old ground cellar is now finished as a family room. The original foundation of fieldstone was incorporated with barn siding to complete the project.

Many of Mrs. Weidman's handmade crafts can be seen throughout the house.



Maria White is one of the students at Hildebrandt Studio of Dance and Gymnastics. Maria, 16, has been a gymnast for 6 years; she placed 2nd on balance beam in the national competition of the U.S. Gymnastics Federation, won every event in a recent U.S.-Canada meet in Nova Scotia, and has been invited to appear at the Nation's Capital Cup this January.

Maria lives in York, comes to Mount Joy for lessons at the studio. She hopes to go to the Olympics one day.



Michele Hildebrandt, left, and Keelee Wright are two of the students who will put on a display during the BPW Candlelight Tour this week. Artwork will be displayed as well.



Mrs. Christine Brown sits below a portrait of her grandmother, who owned the couch. It's part of a complete set of antique furniture.