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HOME SWEET HOME

Ever look at a great house and wonder what it's like inside? So have we. If you'd like to invite us in for a sneak peek and mini-tour, send a few lines about your house and contact information to Joanne Arbogast at The Daily Item, 200 Market St., Sunbury, PA. 17801, or send e-mail to jarbogast@dailyitem.com.

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LEWISBURG GARDEN CLUB

Plenty of green to see



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Jean Ruhl's gardens are among the six featured on this year's Lewisburg Garden Club tour.

Tour offers stops at Lewisburg gardens

LEWISBURG — Each garden on this year's Lewisburg Garden Club tour has a name based on the theme of their garden. Among them is an historic garden called "Idyllwild," nestled at the bend of Strawbridge Road across from the Dale/Engle/Walker House. It is home to local historian Jean Ruhl.

"My garden is idyllic but it's wild," Ruhl said, explaining the name of her property.

Located on five acres along Buffalo Creek, it features copper-topped specially-designed decorative fencing along a pebbled curved drive.

Visitors will view specialty rose gar-

If you go

What: Lewisburg Garden Club's second annual "A Garden Tour of Lewisburg" featuring gardens at the homes of Gabriele Antensteiner, Julianna Cooper, Jeanette Williams, Jean Ruhl, David Seybold and Patty Driver.

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 5, rain or shine

Special features: A wreath-making demonstration using succulent plants given by master gardener Sharon Miller at one home; craftsman Rolf Helbig will demonstrate the importance of critter houses and show how to make them at another; Artist David Seybold will have artwork on display during the tour of his garden.

And: Light refreshments will be served. Guides will be available at each home.

Tickets: \$10; children age 12 and under free. Available in advance and at the door. Now available at: Lewisburg — Susquehanna River Valley Visitor's Bureau, Route 15 N.; The Purple Platypus, 225 Market St.; The Mercantile, 319 Market St.; Cherry Alley Café, 21 N. 3rd St. Vicksburg — Reiff's Greenhouse, 446 Strickler Road (off Rt 45). Shamokin Dam — Gilbert's Garden Center, Route 15. Or mail a check for \$10 per ticket payable to "Lewisburg Garden Club" to: Lewisburg Garden Club, P.O. Box 344, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

For more info: www.lewisburggardenclub.org or e-mail lgcpubcity@gmail.com.



The House Spouse

JERRY WESTBROOK

Future kitchen

They say that for every scientific pursuit, the scientist must first compile a list of "givens." Not sure who "they" or what "givens" are, but suppose they're factoids upon which said scientist bases high-level theories and experiments.

From these, our gurn draws lofty conclusions and presents a paper to the Society for the Advancement of Science at the very meeting where Big Bucks Investors have been invited to donate generously or the whole thing will go down the drain.

Now suppose the scientist is me and the pursuit is to replace my kitchen with the kitchen of the future. The first given is that it is perhaps 50 years old. The cabinets were made of pretty good plywood — definitely not this modern glue-and-sawdust covered with wall paper that's "Made from REAL Wood!" However, we wouldn't attempt to save the plywood to recycle into a river-ready bass boat.

Now to look forward. The popular designs at the home building centers look outmoded already. The first premise, therefore, is that a kitchen of the future must utilize the latest technology. What, then, can we use to build my technokitchen? Computers, right? But why not go all the way with these computer gizmos? They could keep the whole kitchen at just the right temperature and humidity so The Chef would never be the teeniest bit uncomfortable.

Nothing new there, eh? How about the lighting, then? Ever go into the kitchen the first thing in the morning

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dens with sitting benches, a garden with an historic millstone and rolling little bridge, a naturalized garden suitable for shade plants, a "cutting" garden full of flowers as well as gardens featuring specially built nesting boxes for local Wood Ducks.

"We have all kinds of wildlife here," Ruhl said. "We have had mink, bear, deer and ducks."

Her gardens, 15 years in the making, were inspired by Butchart Gardens in Victoria British Columbia, Canada. She has had large rocks placed to blend into the landscape, created steps down to Buffalo Creek, and had terraced gardens created throughout the property.

Ruhl had the old millstone from Ludwig Derr's Mill placed in one garden, a stone that was saved by her parents. A long-time and active member of the Union County Historical Society, Ruhl likes knowing she has a stone



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from the mill owned by the founder of Lewisburg.

"My property here is itself of historical interest since it was once owned by Captain

Samuel Dale," she added.

The gardens feature dark lilacs, poppies, hostas, various grasses, tree peonies, weeping willows, Red Twig

dogwoods, crabapples and flowering plums. There is a cutting garden with irises, phlox, zinnias and marigolds.

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By Mary Beth Breckenridge
Akron Beacon Journal

WallPops wall decals now come in dry-erase styles! let you get organized with flair.

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