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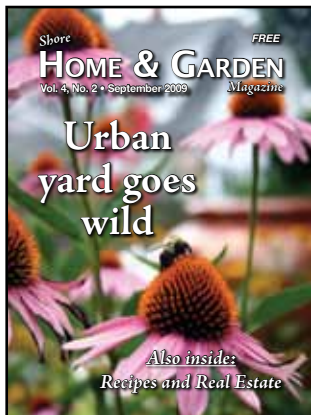
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The dog days of summer are finally behind us – and soon the Reach-the-Beachers will be yesterday's news. Now we can focus on a few outside activities that don't necessarily involve a swimming pool or a beach. Take time to smell the flowers while you can ... just take an extra careful look for a visiting bee!

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Water, water everywhere ...

There's an adage that suggests if you want to hear God laugh, tell Him your plans.

If that's the case, I can only guess that when He heard my wife and I making plans for a rare week off from work recently, He might have well stumbled upon a Three Stooges marathon.

The highlight of the week was to have been four days and three nights in Almost Heaven, West Virginia (I've seen grown men there weep to John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads") to visit some dear friends of ours and maybe spend

Editor's Notebook

By Kevin George



tuition and finally earned my college degree (I have proof, if you don't believe me) at West Virginia University in Morgantown — on the way home.

We started getting bad vibes for any certainty of the trip on Friday after work when our 8-month-old son started to feel a bit warm and came down

too contagious to be around other kids, and our hosts have two daughters 5 years old and younger.

We crossed our fingers for a miracle on Saturday, but the fever was still there.

"Maybe we can leave on Sunday."

Nah. ... Twenty-four hours later, the thermometer was still too red.

We clung to the silver lining that Nate didn't get ill after we had already left when we would have been in an unfamiliar town, so we moved on.

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What is your decorating style?

Have you ever wondered what your decorating style is?

Whether you are decorating a single room or an entire home, discovering your style can help you make decisions.

While there are many different styles of decorating, the following descriptions can help you determine which direction to take.

The very basic styles for decorating can be casual, formal, contemporary or traditional.

Casual is considered to be the simplest style of decorating. It is also warm, inviting and sets the tone for relaxation.

Comfortable furniture is a must for casual decorating, and



Redesign of the Times

By Marianne DeTar

sometimes includes oversized sofas and chairs.

The upholstered furniture fabrics are usually less busy, typically textured, and neutral in color.

Slipcovers are also popular for a casual setting. Wicker, rat-

tan and metal pieces are often used and provide the perfect compliment of texture to the casual setting.

Consistent with the casual theme, window coverings are also simple.

This means using as little coverings as possible such as shades, blinds or shutters.

If fabric window treatments are used, they are typically in the form of a simple valance or solid panel pulled to the side to expose the window.

The preferred type of flooring for a casually decorated room is wood, tile or even stone.

If rugs are used, sisal and berber are ideal

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Stained glass art takes patience to accomplish, but centuries of results speak for themselves

Story, photos by
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It may not come as readily to mind as an art medium as oil paints, molding clay or charcoal pencils, but stained glass has been stride-in-stride with civilization for centuries.

“The medieval cathedrals back in the 11th century had them,” said Paul Winters of Caledon Glass in Wittman. “But there was (stained) glass from ancient Egyptian times — they made glass walls and things like that. It’s an ancient art. Phoenicians did a lot of glassware, as did the Romans.”

Technology has helped the process mature in the hundreds of years since, but Winters showed a recent visitor in his studio at 9027 Tilghman Island Road while motioning toward

Hundreds of pre-stained sheets of glass, right, adorn an entire wall of Paul Winters’ studio in Wittman.

