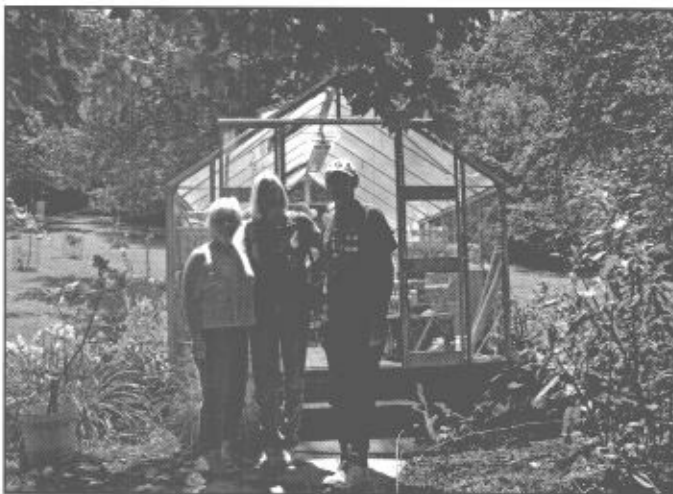


Greenhouse Visit



By Mary Lawrence, HGA Membership Director

Maureen and Bill Moutz of Pittsburgh, PA, are new greenhouse owners and new HGA members. They sent me an e-mail and asked if they could come by for a visit to see my greenhouse and chat. I live in Jeannette, which was about 10 miles from their house in Penn Hills, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

This spring the Moutz's purchased their 8'x8'x7 1/2" Cross Country Greenhouse from Backyard Greenhouses. They were very pleased with their greenhouse and the customer service offered by Backyard Greenhouses. In one month they

had the greenhouse assembled and had plants growing in it. They had a lot of questions about raising vegetables in the winter greenhouse and utilities, and thought it would be nice to visit someone that had a greenhouse. I love talking about my greenhouse, so I welcomed them.

"They do not have heat, electricity or water in their greenhouse yet, and my husband and I showed them how we provided all that in my greenhouse. I also recommended Shane Smith's book, *Greenhouse Gardener's Companion* and told them they could order it from the HGA Bookshop. Their greenhouse is twin-wall polycarbonate with a very strong frame that will support lots of hanging baskets. Bill assembled it on 4x4s and made benches and installed shelves. Maureen said they grew enough tomato plants for all of Penn Hills!

They are enjoying their membership to HGA and also have other interests including the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh, www.3ap.org. Bill and Maureen are editors of the monthly newsletter and invited us to one of their Star Parties at Deer Lakes Park in Allegheny County, PA.

As Bill was leaving, he said to me, "There are no strangers in the world; only friends you haven't met." I think we found some new friends.

To see the Cross Country Greenhouse, go to:
www.backyardgreenhouses.com.