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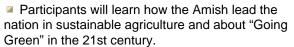
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Mark Dewalt

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Education Professor Mark Dewalt will lecture on "The Signs and Symbols of Amish Culture" during an April 20 program in Plowden Auditorium.

Participants will learn how the Amish lead the nation in sustainable agriculture and about "Going Green" in the 21st century. The Amish are well known for their centuries old farming practices and frugal lifestyle, both of which have interesting corollaries to today's increasing emphasis on reducing carbon footprints and "going green."

This presentation will include many photos of the signs and symbols of Amish culture and discuss ways that these symbols are more than just a passing trend. Attendees will examine their own values as they learn about the Amish culture, a culture that values "old" over "new."

Dewalt, a Bank of America professor of educational research at Winthrop University, has studied Amish culture for more than 20 years. His book, "Amish Education in the United States and Canada," includes a discussion of the symbols of Amish culture focusing on Amish educational practices. Dewalt speaks frequently on the Amish at professional conferences, libraries, book clubs, and colleges.

The program starts at 7:15 p.m. The cost is 50 cents with a Winthrop ID and \$1 for others. All proceeds will go to provide free educational materials for home-bound Amish and Mennonite children.

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