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Sponsors Sought for Gourmet Gala

The 2013 Gourmet Gala will be at Lime Spring Farm on Sunday, May 19, from 4 pm to 7 pm. In preparation for this annual spring social gathering, organizers are seeking sponsors as well as auction items.

"Lime Spring Farm is a wonderful venue for this occasion, and we are pleased to add an antique live auction to our already popular silent auction," said Virginia Kirchner, chair of the 2013 Gourmet Gala. "Every participant, from the restaurants to the sponsors, gets terrific exposure with a cross section of Lancaster County."

The gala committee is contacting area companies about sponsorships that range from $2,500 to $250. Each comes with benefits.

Kirchner said the live auction will focus of quality antiques. "Our preference is for items about the size of a coffee table or smaller," she added. "This makes them suitable for transport by the buyers."

Located at 2452 Marietta Avenue, Lime Spring Farm has been a premier wedding destination and corporate events site. Its buildings date back to the 1700's.

Auction item donors and sponsors should contact the Historic Preservation Trust at ceckert@hptrust.org.

The Gourmet Gala is the Preservation Trust's major fund raiser each year. Some 30 of the top area restaurants, caterers, bakeries and chefs will be offering their feature dishes. Breweries, wineries and coffee shoppes also will be offering their best.

Two for One Membership

Join The Historic Preservation Trust at one of the levels below:

- seniors (age 60 or older) or students ($25)
- individual ($40)
- family ($100)
- business ($250)
- leadership ($500)

And, you also become a member of the Central Pennsylvania Preservation Society (CPPS).

See www.centralpennsylvaniapreservationsociety.org for information about CPPS monthly preservation education programs. Also, calendar below.

Of course, you can send checks or credit card information to Membership Drive, Historic Preservation Trust, 123 North Prince St., Lancaster, PA 17603.

2013 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 9, 8 am to 9:30 pm - "Lancaster County’s Treasured Places" with Scot Standish (Lancaster County Planning Commission) at the Cork Factory Hotel, 480 New Holland Ave.

Saturday, April 13, noon to 4 pm - Bowmansville Roller Mill demonstrations, junction of PA 625 and Von Nieda St in Bowmansville

Tuesday, May 14, 8 am to 9:30 pm - "Historic Preservation Through the Municipalities Planning Code" with preservation consultant Randy Harris at the Cork Factory Hotel, 480 New Holland Ave.

Sunday, May 19, 4 pm to 7 pm - Gourmet Gala:
Historic South on Tour

Cities in the South with proud traditions of historic preservation, like Lancaster, will be featured during a seven-day tour that will begin on September 22. Destinations on the motor coach “Southern Charm” tour will be Charleston and Beaufort in South Carolina; Savannah, Jekyll Island and St. Simons Island in Georgia; and Jacksonville and St. Augustine in Florida.

The tour is limited to 30, and those signing up by April 22, 2013, will get a $200 discount off the per person rate of $2429 (double occupancy). The tour is organized by Collette Vacations and Travel Leaders. For tour details, contact Mindy Eveler 717-854-4391 or Mindy@TravelLeadersYork.com.

An information session about the tour will be held on Wednesday, April 17, at 6 p.m. at Saint Stephens United Church of Christ ("Coffee House" Room) at 249 East Main Street in New Holland.

Additional information about the tour is available at http://www.collettevacations.com/link/552261

SAVE $200 ON SEPTEMBER SOUTHERN TOUR OF HISTORIC COASTAL CITIES

The seven-day, motor-coach tour from Charleston, South Carolina, to St. Augustine, Florida, that begins on Sunday, September 22, 2013, is limited to 30. Those who sign up by Monday, April 22, 2013, will get a $200 discount off the per person rate of $2429 (double occupancy). The tour is organized by Collette Vacations and Travel Leaders.

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About the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County

Founded in 1966 to "stem the rapid destruction of historic properties in Lancaster County," the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County’s mission is to preserve and protect Lancaster County’s historic and architectural character through education, advocacy and direct action. The trust has been directly involved in preserving important Lancaster County landmarks and has provided advice, assistance and guidance in the protection of others. The trust is a member-supported, 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in the historic Sehner-Elick-von Hess House (1787) at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster. Visit www.hptrust.org for additional information.

Post your business for only $120 a year in the Resource Directory.

The Historic Preservation Trust is frequently asked to recommend contractors, restoration/remodeling specialists, painters, masons, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, roofers, window installers, realtors, financial advisors, lawyers and a host of other services. If you work on historic properties, you should post your company in this online directory.

Nominate a 2013 Preservation Award Candidate

Nominees for the annual awards for excellence in historic preservation are being accepted by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County.

All nominations are due by no later than Thursday, July 4, 2013. Nomination forms are available at the Historic Preservation Trust at 717-291-5861 or joepatterson@hptrust.org.

The award categories are (1) preservation honors for master craftsman or new construction, (2) community revitalization recognitions and (3) the C. Emlen Urban Awards for preservation, leadership, research or philanthropy.

The work of C. Emlen Urban (1863 - 1939), Lancaster’s preeminent architect, influenced Lancaster’s early architectural character. He designed the Southern Market (now home to the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry) on Queen Street in 1888, the Watt & Shand Department Store (now the Lancaster County Convention Center) in 1898 and St. James Episcopal Church parish House on Duke Street in 1903. "His work forms a bridge between the Victorian Era and the Modern Age," Horst added.