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2013 Watch List Released

Three properties from the 2012 list of most threatened historic properties in Lancaster County are not on the Historic Preservation Trust’s 2013 list.

“This is a good news, bad news report,” said Shirlie O’Leary, chair of the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County’s Preservation Action Committee. “Happily, two of the properties on the 2012 list—the Stehli Silk Mill and the Donegal Plantation—have been removed because they are being developed for adaptive reuses. Unfortunately, we lost the Gerber-Garber House in West Hempfield because this 1753 property was not on West Hempfield’s historic resources list. Consequently, a demolition permit was issued without contacting the Historic Preservation Trust for a recommendation.”

York-based developer Matt Bupp is transforming the Stehli Silk Mill (1898) at 701 Martha Ave. in Lancaster into a mixed-use commercial, retail and residential complex. At one time the Stehli Silk Mill, with more than 250,000 square feet on 12 acres, was the largest silk mill in the United States.

The Donegal Mills Plantation - Federal style mansion (pre-1798) and mill (1830) - at 1190 Trout Run Road in Mount Joy is being renovated by the owners, George and Frank Zink, into a venue for meetings and weddings.

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BECOME A MEMBER

The Preservation Trust’s 2013 membership drive has a new look previous years in that the categories for membership have been streamlined so there are only five categories:

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

Past membership was divided into an individual-family category and a separate business-corporate category with each having sub-categories.

Joining the Preservation Trust is simplified even further with a registration form and PayPal on our new website at www.hptrust.org. Details about membership benefits are in the “Join” section under “Support.”

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Bowmansville Roller Mill Demonstration
Saturday, April 13 noon to 4 p.m.
Junction of PA 625 and Von Neida St in Bowmansville, PA

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Gourmet Gala
Sunday, May 19, 2013 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Lime Spring Farm
2452 Marietta Ave. in Lancaster, PA

NOTE: Event sponsors needed, also antiques needed for live auction Contact Connie Eckert at 717-291-5861
The Gerber-Garber house (1753) that stood at 3948 Continental Drive in West Hempfield Township was on land deeded by William Penn's sons in 1741 to Christian Garber. Even though there were parties interested in moving the house to a new location, it was torn down by its York-based owners.

Read more... http://hptrust.org/2013-list-of-most-threatened-historic-properties-in-lancaster-county-released/

Buy a Thaddeus Stevens Poster

Posters of Pennsylvania Congressman and Lancaster resident Thaddeus Stevens (1792-1868) are being made available to the general public by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. The price per poster is $25.

Congressman Stevens, chairman of the powerful House of Representative's Ways and Means Committee, made it possible for Abraham Lincoln to win the uphill struggle of passing the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to end slavery. Stevens was the unsung hero of his time and Steven Spielberg's popular movie "Lincoln" in which Oscar winning actor Tommy Lee Jones plays Stevens.

To reserve a poster, call 717-823-5861 or email ceckert@hptrust.org.

The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County led the initiative to save the Thaddeus Stevens House on South Queen Street and the Lydia Hamilton Smith House on Vine Street. Both are part of the Lancaster Convention complex in downtown Lancaster. LancasterHistory.org now manages the Thaddeus Stevens House.

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 rich 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-Ellicott-von Hess House (1787) at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.hptrust.org

Post a business directory item about your business for $120 per year.

Post a historic property real estate ad for $30 per month.

Join our e-mail list for the Heritage Outlook and other Historic Preservation Trust communications.

Send your e-mail address to ceckert@hptrust.org

E-mail is our preferred way of communicating.

SAVE $200

ON SEPTEMBER SOUTHERN TOUR OF HISTORIC CITIES – Charleston and Beaufort in South Carolina; Savannah, Jekyll Island and St. Simons Island in Georgia; and Jacksonville and St. Augustine in Florida.

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 that sign 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 and benefits the Historical Preservation Trust.

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

*Offer expires on Sunday, April 22, 2013