

# Heritage Outlook

*News from the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County*

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### **The Farm at Eagles Ridge to Host the 2015 Gourmet Gala**

The Farm at Eagles Ridge at 465 Long Lane, a few miles from downtown Lancaster, has been chosen as the host site for the 2015 Gourmet Gala on Sunday, May 17, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.



*restored barn to be focal point for 2015 gala*

"As part of our on-going education outreach efforts, the Historic Preservation Trust selects a historic property in Lancaster County each year to showcase as host of our annual gala fund raiser," said Lisa Horst, president of the Historic Preservation Trust Board of Directors. "In addition to being a site suitable for hosting one of Lancaster's premier social events, the site must be historically significant. The Farm at Eagles Ridge dates back to the 1820's, and it is an excellent example of how historic buildings can be given new lives through adaptive reuse."

The Farm at Eagles Ridge was the recipient of a 2013 preservation award for restoring its 3,200 square-foot barn which, paired with a renovated corn crib and stone farmhouse, created a unique special events venue. "It took extensive work to restore the buildings on this farm in such a way that would preserve their historic character while transforming them into a state-of-the-art facility," said Betsy Herr, co-owner of The Farm at Eagles Ridge - today one of the most popular wedding venues in Lancaster County.



*stone farmhouse at The Farm at Eagles Ridge*

More than 30 of the area's best restaurants, caterers, bakeries, personal chefs, wineries, breweries and coffee companies will be serving their specialties. Among those are Lombardo's, La Petite Patisserie, The Scarlet Runner catering, Willow Valley Communities Culinary Services, Rettew's Catering, Hess's Barbecue, Inn at Bully's Restaurant & Pub, Railroad House Inn, Lickity Split, Gracie's on West Main, Toadally Caribbean, Federal Taphouse, Seasons Olive & Vinegar Taproom, Breaking Bread Catering, Lancaster Hummus Company, Miesse Candies, Byers Butterflake Bakery, Dutch Haven Shoo Fly Pie Bakery and Grandma Jack's Gourmet Popocorn, Lancaster County Coffee Roasters, Twin Brook Winery, Stargazers Winery, Nissley Vineyards & Winery Estate, Saint Boniface Craft Brewing Company, Lancaster Brewing Company, Moo-Duck Brewery and Yards Brewing. Music for the evening will be provided by Temple Avenue.

Mrs. Horst said Gala sponsors are being sought to join media sponsor *Lancaster County Magazine* and lead sponsors PPL Corporation and Willow Valley Communities; supporting lead sponsors White Horse Construction, Shoppes at Belmont, and Lancaster Solid Waste Management Authority; and supporting sponsors Bertz, Hess & Co., Conestoga View Nursing & Rehabilitation, Donegal Insurance Group, NxtBook Media, RLPS Architects and UGI Utilities. Other sponsors include Lusk & Associates- Sotheby's International Realty (Anne Lusk), Benchmark Construction, Berkshire Hathaway (Andy Esbenshade),



*tickets sold out early for the 2014 gala*

Berkshire Hathaway (Jeff LeFevre), Brookline Builders, Certified Carpet, D. H. Funk & Sons, Hi-Tech Concrete Coatings & Soil Stabilization, Lancaster Ironworks, May Metzger and Zimmerman, Perron Construction, Preservation Works, Puffer Morris Realty, Pyfer, Reese Straub Gray & Farhat, Rhoads Energy, Rhoads Energy, Rohrer's One Hour, RSC Heating & Air Conditioning, Select Security, Senior Tax Strategies, Two Dude's Painting and Ville Painters.

A Gourmet Gala ticket costs \$75 for members of the Historic Preservation Trust or the Central Pennsylvania Preservation Society or \$85 for non-members. A block of 10 tickets may be purchased for \$650. Please complete the form below to order:

\_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$85 a piece (non-member price)      \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$75 a piece (member price)

\_\_\_\_\_ block(s) of tickets at \$650 per block of 10 tickets

name \_\_\_\_\_

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e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Options**

\_\_\_ Check enclosed. (Payable to Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County)

\_\_\_ Charge my Card \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Discover

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## Government Support of Preservation Trust Encouraged

Townships, boroughs and other governments within Lancaster County have a direct impact on the degree to which historic structures are saved. The process typically begins with the identification of homes, barns, bridges, mills and other structures as being historic.

Teams from the Historic Preservation Trust have been updating information on the county's historic structures since the 1970s, and the process continues. Based on the Preservation Trust's archives of more than 10,000 historic properties -- the largest descriptive files on historic buildings in the county -- we are able to verify for government officials the historical significance of a structure. This is important when officials consider whether a building can be demolished, often to make way for development.

The Preservation Trust's preference, of course, is to save a historic structure if it is worthy of being saved. We encourage adaptive reuse as has been taking place impressively with 18th and 19th century tobacco warehouses in downtown Lancaster. If a building cannot be saved where it is, the Preservation Trust provides guidance on relocation as we have done with the Reiber House (1772) in Manor Township and the Harnish House (1858) in West Lampeter and as is being done today with the Mayer/Belmont Barn (c. 1870-1874) in Manheim Township.

Government officials are among the most frequent users of Preservation Trust services so we have reached out to them for support. Based on visits that Preservation Trust representatives made to 50 of the county's 60 municipalities last year and the year before, we are encouraged by the frequency with which we are being contacted by township and borough officials about the status of historic structures.

The first municipality to support the Preservation Trust as a government member is Mountville Borough. Strasburg Borough is supporting the Preservation Trust by having a posting on the Preservation Trust's [online Resource Directory's township and borough section](#). Government membership includes a Resource Directory posting.



## Surveys Remain Priority for Documenting Historic Structures

The unsung heroes in Lancaster County's historic preservation community are the men and women who devote their time and resources to documenting the county's thousands of historic homes, barns, mills, bridges and other structures. Teams of volunteers, mostly members of the Trust's Preservation Action Committee (PAC), fan out across the county decade after decade to verify the condition and location of historic structures. The first surveys were conducted in the 1970s. Updates continue today under the direction of PAC Chair Shirlye O'Leary who works with government officials and volunteers to ensure an organized, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission approved and thorough process. The pilot survey for the current survey update has been conducted for West Hempfield Township. The focus now is on East Hempfield Township where township officials are assisting and reviewing ordinances written to protect historic structures.

Each property is reviewed from the road, documented with a photograph, notes, actual street address with zip code and parcel ID number. This information is added to the Preservation Trust archives that are maintained at its headquarters at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster. These archives serve as a ready resource for government officials, attorneys, realtors, developers, property owners and others who need to verify the historic significance of a structure. The updated information is shared with the Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) and local municipalities. Assistance in amending ordinances and/or demolition applications is contributed by a volunteer consultant who previously worked for the LCPC.



Shirlye O'Leary  
PAC Chair

Volunteers interested in serving on the PAC or a survey team should contact the Preservation Trust office at 717-291-5861 or [joepatterson@hptrust.org](mailto:joepatterson@hptrust.org). PAC meetings are held at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 123 North Prince Street. In addition to surveys, the PAC works with municipalities to ensure ordinances are written to protect historical properties and annually inspects the 26 properties countywide on which there are historic preservation easements. About a dozen volunteers are needed to help conduct the survey updates in East Hempfield Township.

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## Membership and Annual Fund Drives Update

*Thank you for your support!* The Preservation Trust has heard from many of you who realize that it takes community support to sustain the work of the Historic Preservation Trust -- a non-profit, non-government funded organization. If you have not yet offered support, please see <http://hptrust.org/support/> and <http://hptrust.org/join/> for details and reply forms. Preserve Our Past annual fund contributions are tax deductible.

Both annual fund and membership dollars help the Preservation Trust sustain its mission of encouraging and facilitating historic preservation throughout Lancaster County. Specifically, we are able to continue the progress that we have made over the past three years with:

- our on-going maintenance of our headquarters
- - the Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House (1787) -- one of Lancaster's most historic buildings
- our outreach to municipal officials
- our surveys of historic properties countywide
- our historic plaque program which is recognizing structures and gathering information on them for our archives
- our initiative to digitize the Historic Preservation Trust library of records on more than 10,000 Lancaster County homes, barns, bridges, mills and other structures that are historically significant
- our on-going efforts to bring individuals and organizations together to identify and protect historically significant structures



*Historic Preservation Trust  
headquarters at 123 North Prince  
Street in downtown Lancaster*

The Preservation Trust is especially appreciative of businesses that have offered their support so far in 2015: Benchmark Construction, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services (Andy Esbenshade), Berkshire Hathaway Home Services (Connie Ginder), Berkshire Hathaway Home Services (Jeff LeFevre), Bertz, Hess & Company, Brookline Builders, Certified Carpet, Clock Towers Condominium Association, Conestoga View Nursing & Rehabilitation, Donegal Insurance Group, Faulkner Lancaster BMW & Chevrolet, The Farm at Eagles Ridge, D. H. Funk & Sons, Greenebaum Structures, Hi-Tech Concrete Coatings & Soil Stabilization, Home One, Janney Montgomery Scott, Joel's Painting & Contracting, Kautter & Kelley Architects, Lancaster County Magazine, Lancaster Ironworks, Lancaster Solid Waste Management Authority, Lusk & Associates - Sotheby's International Realty (Anne Lusk), May, Metzger and Zimmerman, Medical Devices & Implants, David Miller/Associates, NxtBook Media, PA Home Care of Lancaster, Perron Construction, Preservation Works, Post & Schell, PPLCorporation, Puffer Morris Realty, Pyfer, Reese, Straub, Gray & Farhat, Rhoads Energy, RLPS Architects, Rohrer's One Hour, RSC Heating & Air Conditioning, Select Security, Senior Tax Strategies, Shoppes at Belmont, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Tippetts Weaver Architects, Two Dude's Painting, UGI Utilities, Ville Painters, Willow Valley Communities, White Horse Construction and Wohlsen Construction.

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### Teas at the Preservation Trust Sell Out



Chef Donna Lussier, owner of La Petite Patisserie, and hostess for the teas that are held at the Preservation Trust reports that she is having to book extra teas to meet demand.



*Chef Lussier*

Teas scheduled so far for 2015 are:

- May 9th & 10th - Mother's Day Tea
- June 6th & 7th - Downton Abbey Garden Tea Party


Chef Lussier said to check [petitedessert.com](http://petitedessert.com) or call her at 717-424-1631 for information about tea times, menus, seatings, pricing and reservations.



*Downton Abbey teas were enjoyed at the Preservation Trust on March 14 & 15*



## Opportunities

- Mark your historic house, barn, bridge, store or other structure with a **historic preservation site marker plaque**. In addition to designating a historic structure, the plaques program encourages historic preservation and gathers information on historic properties for the Preservation Trust's extensive archives -- the largest descriptive archives on historic properties in Lancaster County.
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- Submit nominations for the **2015 historic preservation awards** by July 4, 2015. Award categories are leadership, sustainability, preservation, restoration/adaptive reuse, community revitalization and master craftsman. The annual awards banquet will be on Tuesday, November 10, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Lancaster Country Club.
  - Volunteer to help with surveying historic properties countywide or interacting with public officials. This is the work of the **Preservation Action Committee** which meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p. m. at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster.
  - Reserve the beautiful **courtyard at 123 North Prince Street** for spring and summer functions. Already a popular spot for teas, it is an ideal setting for business or social gatherings. It opens onto the busy North Prince Street arts and dining corridor.
  - Volunteer to help organize, promote and implement the 2015 Gourmet Gala on May 17, the annual preservation awards banquet in November and other special events. Education programs and events are the work of the **Education and Communication Committee** which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster.
  - Consider helping the Preservation Trust with an **antiques auction** that it may have in the fall. For now, it is only an idea, but if we get enough people to offer quality antiques, we plan to have an auction as a fund raiser. Thanks for letting us know if you have items that could be auctioned for the benefit of the Preservation Trust.

For information on any of the opportunities listed above, call 717-291-5861 or send an e-mail to [joepatterson@hptrust.org](mailto:joepatterson@hptrust.org).

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