Organizers of the 2014 Gourmet Gala, the annual fundraiser for the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County, have announced that all tickets have been sold and no tickets will be for sale at the door. The gala is being held on Sunday, May 18, from 4 pm to 7 pm at the historic Mylin House (1787) and The Cultural Center at Willow Valley Communities in Willow Street.

“We have to cap sales because we plan for about 300 ticket holders, and we have reached that number,” said Lisa Horst, president of the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County Board of Directors. "While we would like to accommodate more, the restaurants, caterers, bakeries, specialty shops, wineries and breweries prepare for 300. Of course, we are pleased about the countywide excitement for the 2014 Gourmet Gala, the popularity of where it is being held and support of the Preservation Trust."

The recipient of a 2013 historic preservation award by the Preservation Trust, the Mylin House was built in 1787 by Martin Mylin III and his wife Barbara Baer (granddaughter of Christian and Anna Herr, the 1710 immigrants who built the 1719 Hans Herr House). Mylin III was the third generation to live on and work the farm. Mylin III's German grandfather, Martin Mylin I was one of the first Mennonites to settle in Lancaster County. Mylin I is credited with inventing the Pennsylvania Long Rifle in a gun shop on the original Mylin homestead.
Music will be provided by Temple Avenue, the same group that delighted attendees at the 2013 Gourmet Gala. In addition to great music and food and beverage tastings, attendees can bid on auction items ranging from vacations to sports passes to art to gift baskets. WGAL-TV news anchor Lori Burkholder will emcee, and former Lancaster County Commissioner Pete Shaub will be the auctioneer.

Sponsors for this year’s gala are:
Willow Valley Communities (host site)
Lancaster County Magazine (media sponsor)
PPL Electric Utilities ($1750)
Santander Bank, N. A. ($1000)
Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority ($750)
Pennington Partners, Ltd. (Nathaniel Ellmaker House) ($750)
Bertz, Hess & Co., LLP ($500)
Conestoga View & Rehabilitation ($500)
Discovery Map ($500)
Farm at Eagles Ridge ($500)
Hi-Tech Soil Stabilization ($500)
May, Metzger & Zimmerman, LLP ($500)
Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster ($500)
Performance Avenues (Despard Associates LLC) ($500)
RLPS Architects ($500)
UGI Utilities ($500)
Ville Painters ($500)
Wohlsen Construction ($500)
Benchmark Construction ($250)
Brookline Builders ($250)
CCS Building Group ($250)
Donegal Insurance ($250)
Farm at Eagles Ridge ($500)
Greenebaum Structures ($250)
GSM Roofing ($250)
Kline’s Services ($250)
Prudential Homesale Services - Jeff LeFevre ($250)
Rhoads Energy ($250)
Rohrer’s One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning ($250)
Select Security ($250)
Senator Lloyd Smucker ($250)

July 4th Deadline for 2014 Historic Preservation Award Nominations

Nominations for the annual awards for excellence in historic preservation are being accepted by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County through Friday, July 4, 2014.

"Lancaster has one of the largest inventories of historic homes, barns, bridges, mills and other structures of any place in the United States," said Lisa Horst, president of the board of directors for the Historic Preservation Trust. "The annual historic preservation awards recognize those in our community who are helping to keep historic
Lancaster County historic through their exceptional work to save, preserve, restore and celebrate the beauty of structures built by our forefathers. Recipients will be honored at our annual awards program on Tuesday, November 11.

Individual awards will be presented to long-time supporters of the Preservation Trust and volunteers. A new award, named in honor of Lancaster educator and *Lancaster Intelligencer-Journal* reporter Frederick H. "Chip" Smedley III (1956-2013), will be presented to an educator or journalist who has made special contributions to broadening the public's understanding of historic preservation in Lancaster County.

The historic preservation award categories are:

- **Leadership** -- presented to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated the vision, wisdom and perseverance necessary to incorporate historic preservation into their long-range planning.
- **Sustainability** - presented to the owner of any historically significant structure that has demonstrated over a significant period time a commitment to historic preservation through exemplary maintenance practices.
- **Restoration/ Adaptive Re-use** -- presented to projects where the historical character of a structure is maintained through thoughtful and sensitive additions and/or restorations.
- **Community Revitalization** -- presented to projects that enhance a historic area and contribute to overall neighborhood improvement.
- **Master Craftsman** -- presented for the meritorious efforts to save a historic structure through master level building skills and knowledge.

### Historic Property Concerns

The Preservation Action Committee continues to express concerns about the two properties below and advocates for their preservation and adaptive reuse.

**Mayer-Hess Farmstead (c. 1870-1874) - 1580 Fruitville Pike, Manheim Township**

This distinguished Italianate style mansion and nearby barn are on the last remaining farmstead, previously owned by David Mayer, off Route 30, before entering downtown Lancaster. The three story, five bay residence is complemented by a central cupola with a bracketed cornice. Centered entry doors are paneled; 3rd floor windows are smaller and slightly arched. The barn matches the scale and quality of the mansion and contributes to the overall farmstead environment. The developer has stated that the Mayer-Hess Mansion will be saved, but the barn remains a concern.

**Smoketown Farmhouse (c. 1850 and 1911) - 2524 Old Philadelphia Pike, East Lampeter Township**

The farmhouse and barn on the property are to remain on the site, and the owners are supposed to consult with the Historic Preservation Trust. East Lampeter supervisors approved a land development plan awhile back for the site and granted five waivers. The four-acre lot is to be divided into two-acre lots. The farmhouse and barn are not to be developed, but the Historic Preservation Trust has been told that the house and barn will be demolished to make way for a chain convenience store.

### Courtyard Tea to Be Held at Preservation Trust on May 10

La Petite Patisserie will host an English tea in the courtyard at the headquarters of the Historic Preservation Trust at 123 North Prince Street on Saturday, May 10, from noon to 4 p.m. The price is $35 per person. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Historic Preservation Trust.
La Petite Patisserie is a Dessert Boutique, with a distinctive French flair, owned by pastry chef Donna Lussier. A lifelong baker, who graduated with honors from The Pennsylvania Culinary School Pastry Arts program, Mrs. Lussier offers an abundant selection of pastries, specialty cakes, cupcakes, bars, cookies, tarts and authentic French macarons at her shop at 157B East King Street.

The tea will include scones with lemon curd and crème fraîche, chilled strawberry soup with chocolate balsamic drizzle, asparagus crostini, fresh baked Parmesan cracker with basil cream cheese, ham and cheese en croute, spinach souffle, turkey and pesto pinwheels, an assortment of sweets and a variety of teas. The full menu can be seen at petitedessert.com

Chef Lussier said seating will be limited so reservations are required by contacting her at 717-424-1631 or donna@petitedessert.com.

The courtyard at 123 North Prince Street is available for rent for social and business occasions. Contact 717-291-5861 or joepatterson@hptrust.org for details.

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.

- 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 p.m. at 123 North Prince Street in downtown Lancaster.

- Volunteer to help organize, promote and implement the Gourmet Gala on May 18, the historic architectural tour on October 18, and the annual preservation awards banquet on November 11. Events and education programs 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.

- Join. The Preservation Trusts depends upon memberships, sponsorships and contributions to sustain its mission of encouraging and facilitating historic preservation throughout Lancaster County. Business members received recognition for their support online: Resource Directory for businesses

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