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Historic Walk & Talk Tour to Showcase Adaptive Re-use

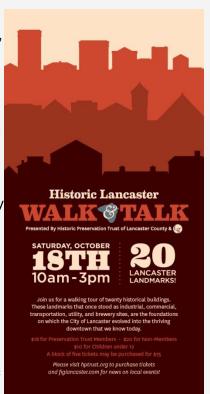
The 20 sites on the Saturday, October 18, tour of the historic business and industry sites have adaptive reuse in common. Constructed in the 18th and 19th centuries, the sites have been preserved and restored for 21st century purposes - offices, residences, restaurants, and hotels.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to see the impact of historic preservation on the renaissance of Lancaster's increasingly vibrant downtown," said Lisa Horst, president of the Historic Preservation Trust Board of Directors. "Saving the buildings that define our past gives Lancaster a uniqueness comparable to other popular historic destinations."

The Historic Lancaster Walk & Talk Tour is a joint education initiative of the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County and Moxie House, publisher of *Fig Lancaster*, a guide to local shopping, dining, arts, and entertainment in the City of Lancaster.

"We are excited to celebrate the businesses that laid the foundation for our City alongside current local business owners and entrepreneurs who've contributed to Downtown Lancaster's revitalization over the last five years," said Deborah Brandt, owner of Moxie House and creator/editor of *Fig.* "This year's tour will be different than previous years because of the involvement of local businesses, including Miesse Candies, Season's Olive Oil, Thistle Finch Distillery, and others. This will allow guests to experience Lancaster then and now.

Also new this year are Moxie House's hand-illustrated informational postcards. Tour-goers will be able to collect these one-of-a-kind souvenirs at each historic destination.



Another theme of the tour is how the railroads charted the course for downtown Lancaster's development in the 1700s and 1800s. Much of the tour is along the corridor from where the railroad station once stood, at the corner Queen and Chestnut streets, northwest along where trains used to run toward where Franklin & Marshall College is today.

Sites on the tour are:

- 1. **Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House** (1787) *123 North Prince Street* office and home for surveyor Andrew Ellicott (1754 1820) who taught Meriwether navigational skills prior to the Lewis & Clark Expedition (1803-1806) Today: Headquarters for the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County.
- 2. **H. Doer Tobacco Warehouse** (1886) *118 North Water Street* H. Doer warehouse and then silver-plating manufacturer Osborn & Co., followed by several other businesses including Safe Padlock & Hardware, Morris Levy & Sons, Consolidated Cigar Corp. and retail store Radel & Stauffer. Today: Steeple View Lofts (senior apartments), Miesse Candies, the Friendship Heart Gallery and The Arch (creative work spaces)
- 3. **Hirsh & Brother Tobacco Company Warehouse** (1869-1874)- *42-44 North Water Street* -initially a tobacco warehouse and then a warehouse for Conestoga Delivery followed by the Conestoga Restaurant Supply Company and Mack the Coffee Man Coffee Makers. Today: Fulton Theatre costume shop
- 4. **Fulton Theatre** (1852)- *12 North Prince Street* nation's oldest continuously operating theatre and one of only eight theatres to be named a National Historic Landmark (Not open for tour due to performance. Open house planned for November 7, 2014)
- 5. **Lancaster Central Market** (1889) *23 North Market Street* the oldest continuously operating farmers market in the United States and nationally recognized by the American Planning Association, winning its 2013 National Planning Excellence Award for Urban Design.
- 6. **Old City Hall** (c. 1795-1798) *1-3 West King Street* built as a "public office house" and housed Commonwealth of Pennsylvania offices when Lancaster was the capital from 1799 to 1812. It has also housed city and county offices, a Masonic lodge, a post office, and library. Today: the Lancaster Visitor's center and the City of Lancaster Office of Promotion
- 7. **Brunswick Hotel site** (1915-1920) *26 East Chestnut Street* original structure razed in 1967 and replaced by a Hilton Inn and then the Hotel Imperial. The hotel was renamed the Brunswick Hotel before closing in 2012. In its day, the Brunswick was Lancaster's finest luxury hotel. Today: The Hotel Lancaster
- 8. **Pennsylvania Railroad Station site** (1834) corner of North Queen & East Chestnut streets first of two passenger stations with the second being built in 1857 and a third in 1929. Train service here ended in 1929. Today: Red Rose Transit Station and Federal Taphouse restaurant
- 9. **Keppel's Wholesale Confectionery** (1913-1914) *323-325 North Queen Street* constructed in 1913-1914 for Jacob G. Shirk and Sons to house their cigar making and products wholesale operations. It was purchased by Robert Keppel & Brother Company, Inc. in 1916. Today: undergoing renovation
- 10. **Lancaster Storage Company Garages** (c. 1808-09; storefront c. 1920) *342 North Queen Street* two-story brick structure that was originally the Jacob Sherer House, later the Washington Inn and then offices for Lancaster Storage Company. Today: Building Character and The Candy Factory
- 11. **High Welding Company** (c. 1820) *27 West Lemon Street* originally the livery stable and carriage house for the adjacent John S. Rohrer Mansion (today The Belvedere Inn). In 1931, it was the birthplace of the High Companies. Today: Zeller Travel
- 12. **S. R. Moss Cigar Factory** (1896; rebuilt 1907) *401 North Prince Street* original building largely destroyed by devastating fire in 1907; enlarged when rebuilt. Today: The Press Building a condominium project
- 13. **Swisher & Buckwalter Tobacco Warehouses** (c. late 800's to early 1900's) *400 block of North Prince Street* initially Swisher Tobacco Warehouse and later Buckwalter Warehouse and then Stadel Volvo and numerous row houses. Today: a multi-use development known as Prince Street Centre that includes The Brickyard Sports Bar, offices and residential apartments.
- 14. **G. Falk & Bro. and A. S. Rosenbaum Tobacco Warehouse** (1881) *300 Harrisburg Avenue* one of eight tobacco warehouses; was used for storing tobacco to about 1945. Over next 40 years, the building was occupied first by a wholesale paper and twine business and then by an electronic business. Today: Lancaster Arts Hotel, a member of Historic Hotels of America
- 15. **John DeHaven Tobacco Company Warehouse** (c. 1876) *626 North Charlotte Street* tobacco warehouse through 1900s that was converted to painting facility for Henry Martin Brick Machine Manufacturing Company. Today: Gilbert Architects Inc. and Tower Marketing
- 16. Edison Electric Illuminating Company (c. 1886 and 1892) 333 North Arch Street first site in the city of Lancaster where commercial electricity was produced. Later became the Medical Arts Center, Kelly Michener Inc. (advertising) and then Cimbrian (advertising). Today: SouthEast Lancaster Health Services
- 17. **Robison, Blair and Company Factory** (c. 1906) -352 North Prince Street -two and one-half story, 14 bay brick factory, stone foundation; segmental arches; corbelled cornice; originally built by Samuel Flick for Robinson, Blair and Company as a caramel factory. Today: City Crossings, an office complex that includes

the headquarters for the Isaac's Deli restaurant chain, Robson Forensic, Inc. and the Lancaster City Alliance 18. **Wacker Brewing Company** (c. 1799) - *201 West Walnut Street* - site of Lancaster's last brewery following Prohibition; the brewery was owned by Joseph Wacker and his sons; became the Little Dutch Cafe (saloon) after most of the brewery was demolished in 1959. Today: Rachel's Cafe and Creperie

- 19. **Stevens High School** (c. 1904-1906) *355 West Chestnut Street* initially a high school for girls that became co-ed and eventually became an elementary school. It was sold in 1983 to OK Properties which developed the school into apartments. Today: The Residences at Stevens School
- 20. **The Walter Schnader Tobacco Warehouse** (c. 1900) *417 West Grant Street* After Walter Schnader, the tobacco warehouse was operated by R. K. Schnader and Sons and then Horwitz Brothers. Operated as a greeting card company in 1990. Today: Thistle Finch Distillery and Wacker Brewing Company

Tickets for the tour are \$18 for members of the Historic Preservation Trust, \$20 for non-members and \$10 for children under the age of 12. Blocks of five tickets may be purchased for \$75. Additional information is available at www.hptrust.org.



Tour Stop #1 - Historic Preservation Trust Headquarters at 123 North Prince Street

All tickets will be purchased or picked up at WILL CALL at Tour Stop #1 - the Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House at 123 North Prince Street, next to the Prince Street Parking Garage.

The self-guided tour begins at 10 am with ticket pick up at 123 North Prince Street (the Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House). The tour will end at 3 pm.

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 encourage and facilitate historic preservation countywide. 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 www.hptrust.org for additional information.

About Moxie House

Moxie House, based in Downtown Lancaster's progressive Historic East Side neighborhood, is led by founder and principal, Deborah Brandt. Moxie House is the creator and producer of *Fig Lancaster*. *Fig* showcases local arts, dining, shopping, entertainment and learning opportunities in distinctive towns and small cities. Anchored by a print publication with free distribution four times per year, each new issue of *Fig* features new businesses coming to town and people doing innovative things in their city, with special attention paid to those who give back and make a difference. Learn more at http://figlancaster.com.

Walk & Talk Tour to Include Sweets and Spirits



In addition to a wealth of history on the tour and docents dressed in 19th century attire, there will be ice cream, candy and spirits. Yuengling's Ice Cream will be served at the Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House (Tour Stop #1), candy at Miesse Candies (Tour Stop #2) and The Hershey Company's new Lancaster soft caramel crème candies (Tour Stop #15). Season's Olive Oil and Vinegar Taproom will serve samplings at the Candy Factory (Tour Stop #8). The tasting rooms will be open at Thistle Finch Distillery and the Wacker Brewing Company (Tour Stop #20).



beloved brand.

Yuengling's Ice Cream was introduced in 1920 when Frank Yuengling started a dairy business during Prohibition to help support the family brewery. Yuengling Dairy Products made incredible ice cream for more than 65 years, until production ended in 1985. In 2014, production began again in Pottsville when David Yuengling, great grandson of Frank Yuengling, and business partner Rob Bohorad reintroduced the



Miesse Candies, founded in Lancaster County in 1875, continues its tradition of making fresh, quality chocolates... just as it has done for more than 140 years.



The Hershey Co. launched its soft caramel crème line called Lancaster, its first new brand in 30 years, in January 2014. The Lancaster name stems from founder Milton Hershey's first candy company, The Lancaster Caramel Co. founded in 1886 in Lancaster. The candy comes after two-and-a-half years of research into consumer tastes and the global confectionary market.



Season's Olive Oil and Vinegar Taproom opened in 2009 with the goal of educating the public about the culinary and health benefits of fresh ultra-premium extra virgin olive oil and balsamic *condimento* vinegars.



Thistle Finch Distillery is bringing a Lancaster tradition back-to-life: rye whiskey. The spirit was famous in the region prior to Prohibition. Today, distiller Andrew Martin is crafting the first rye whiskey of in Lancaster in 90 years.



Wacker Brewing Co. opened for 17 years from 1939 to 1956. Wacker was one of 40 breweries in Lancaster, considered the beer brewing capital of Pennsylvania during the 19th century. The Wacker Beer brand is being reintroduced in 2014.

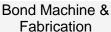
Other offerings are being considered for other tour stops.

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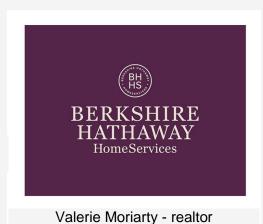














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Dr. Paul Ripple to Be Honored at November 11 Awards Banquet

Longtime Historic Preservation Trust supporter Dr. Paul Ripple will be honored at the Historic Preservation Trust's annual awards banquet on Tuesday, November 11, at the Lancaster Country Club.

"Dr. Ripple is the personification of what it means to care about historic buildings throughout Lancaster County and why it is important to have an active historic preservation program," said Lisa Horst, president of the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. "He has made contributions in so many ways over the years."



Dr. Paul Ripple

Dr. Ripple was one of the leaders of a group of concerned citizens who struggled for 10 years to save what is today the headquarters for the Historic Preservation Trust. This is the building, that was built in 1787 at 123 North Prince Street, where Andrew Ellicott taught Meriwether Lewis navigation skills prior to the Lewis & Clark Expedition (1803-1806). Dr. Ripple has portrayed Andrew Ellicott at the Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House. He also portrayed James Buchanan on the celebration of President Buchanan's 200th birthday.

He was a founding member of the Preservation Trust and served as the organization's second president. He is a member today.

Dr. Ripple, in addition to his distinguished medical career as an ophthalmologist, is an accomplished artist. Several of his pen and ink drawings are part of the Preservation Trust's art collection.

A dozen historic preservation projects will be recognized at the November 11th dinner as well as individuals.

ANNUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATIONS AWARDS BANQUET DETAILS

Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Time: 6 pm to 9 pm

Location: Lancaster Country Club at 1466 New Holland Pike

Tickets: \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members or a table of ten for \$500

Contact: Historic Preservation Trust at 717-291-5861 or joepatterson@hptrust.org

Volunteers Needed to Help with Teas

Chef Donna Lussier, owner of La Petite Patisserie, said interest in teas at the Preservation Trust has been so strong that she is planning additional teas to accommodate the demand. She is looking for a few volunteers for each tea to help with serving. A Santa Claus is need for the December 13 children's tea. An appreciation tea will be held those who volunteer.



Chef Donna Lussier

Themed teas scheduled through the end of 2014 are:

October 19 - Breast Cancer Awareness Tea

November 15 - Downton Abbey Tea

December 13 - Tea with Santa (children's tea)

December 14 - Holiday High Tea (adult tea)

Chef Lussier said to check <u>petitedessert.com</u> or call 717-424-1631 for information about tea times, menus, seatings, pricing and reservations.

Communitywide Day of Giving Takes Place on November 21

MARK YOUR CALENDARS; Friday, November 21, is the date for this year's communitywide giving initiative -- The Extra Ordinary Give. This Lancaster County Community Foundation program begins shortly after midnight on November 21 and continues for 24 hours, providing Lancaster County residents and others with ample time to support their favorite non-profit organizations. We hope the Historic Preservation Trust is one of yours. If you give during The Extra Ordinary Give, there is a chance the Preservation Trust will receive bonus funding from the Community Foundation. See http://lancfound.org/extragive/ for more details. Thank you!



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.



Rent the beautiful **courtyard at 123 North Prince Street** for special 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 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.

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