

TRUST NEWS



Letter from the President ...

Preservation ... Preserves a place how it is in the present.

Preserving historic buildings is vital to understanding our nation's heritage. Next time you walk or drive around your neighborhood, check and see if any historic or 'old' buildings catch your attention? Imagine how the neighborhood would change if that building were to disappear. Historic buildings play a special role in creating the distinctive character of each community.

There is something beautiful about traveling through America and seeing its distinct neighborhoods. Houses that are torn down and rebuilt erase that character. What makes our community truly unique is its rich architectural heritage. The old homes and buildings tell the story of the past and continue to bring pleasure in the present.

Historic homes have stories to tell – about not only the lives of those who live and once lived there, but also the life of the house itself. On Saturday, September 19, 12 Noon – 5 PM, visitors are invited behind the doors of eight private historic homes for the 11th Annual Historic House Tour. With the cooperation of generous homeowners, many volunteers and supportive individual and corporate sponsors, you can experience the buildings that make this area distinctive and beautiful. Discover the beauty of historic preservation by

visiting the treasured properties of the 2015 House Tour.

The self-guided tour allows individuals to witness three centuries of architecture and is the primary annual fundraiser for the Trust, raising over \$30,000 in 2014 for the Jones Log Barn rebuilding project.

Now in the final phase of capital campaigning, all proceeds from the tour benefit the Jones Log Barn project. When completed, the Jones Log Barn will join two National Historic Register buildings – Duportail House and the Federal Barn – and will serve as the 'Living History Center at Duportail'.

For historic preservation to matter, and for our local history to be meaningful, it needs to be supported.

I am asking you to support the Trust's historic preservation efforts. Please consider a donation to the Living History Center at Duportail, the purchase of tickets for the 11th Annual Historic House Tour, 'Jazz & Just Desserts' house tour preview party or the Trust's Fall Lecture Series.

Pattyje BENSON

President
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Welcome to New Board Members

The Trust was excited to welcome two new Board members in January. We are pleased to have Carolyn Collins and Erika Craparo join us in our historic preservation efforts.

Carolyn Collins is a graduate of Villanova University and has been a resident of Chesterbrook for more than a decade. She lives in the village of the Paddock and has served on its board since 2005, currently serving as President. Carolyn has more than 20 years of business experience working 12 years as an employee benefits broker. She has been a great help at this year's Spring Lectures and will host one of this year's historic homes for the 11th Annual Historic House Tour.

Erika Craparo graduated from Elon University in North Carolina and received a Masters degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Pennsylvania. In her work, Erika provides historical documentation and communication for major residential projects ensuring sensitivity to historical characteristics while meeting current building codes. She has been assisting the Trust with communications via its website and on its Facebook page.

Trust Fall Lecture Series

Reservations or questions:
Lecture chair: Polly Hagan, 610.647.1051
Further Information: www.tredyffrinhistory.org

"The Unique Jones Log Bank Barn and Its Distant Log Barn Cousins"

Greg Huber

Barn & House Historian ♦ Consultant

Wednesday, October 21

Historic Duportail House
297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook, PA 19087
Time: Refreshments 7 PM; Lecture 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$15

"Women in Revolutionary War Era Records"

Constance Potter

Historic Researcher ♦ Lecturer

Wednesday, November 18

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We wish to thank the Duportail House Board of Directors for their generosity in hosting the Fall and Spring Lecture Series and helping to fulfill the Trust's mission to educate the public about the preservation and protection of historic settings.

Thank you 2014 House Tour Sponsors

The Trust recognizes the following individuals and businesses for their generous support of the 10th Annual Historic House Tour, held on September 28, 2014 — the most successful House Tour to date, raising over \$30K! We're hoping to surpass that fundraising effort for 2015!

Sponsorship opportunities remain for the 2015 Historic House Tour, please contact Pattye Benson, House Tour Chair for details, 610.644.6759.

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Fall 2015 Lecture Series

Guest lecturer **Greg Huber** will present "*The Unique Tredyffrin Log Bank Barn and Its Distance Log Barn Cousins*" on Wednesday, October 21. His talk will focus on the unique Tredyffrin Township log bank barn, the Jones Log Barn, that was dismantled in the fall of 2000. This barn had some remarkable aspects and even its mere existence and survival into the 21st century was miraculous.

Included in Huber's talk is a perspective on log barn architecture as it developed in southeast Pennsylvania and beyond. Its evolution makes for a fascinating tale and the unusual role that the Jones Log Barn played. The barn was a very rare English based structure as opposed to the far more common German related constructed log barn styles that were built in many counties in Pennsylvania. You will learn many of the constituent parts of these very old structures and also gain some insight into how to estimate the construction era of old barns. It is not as difficult as you might imagine.

Greg Huber is a barn and house historian, consultant, and owner of *Past Perspectives and Eastern Barn Consultants* who creates house and barn histories. Since 1971, Huber has specialized in pre-1840 house and barn architecture of Holland Dutch, English, and Pennsylvania Swiss-German cultures.

Huber has documented more than 8,000 vernacular buildings, over 3,000 homestead houses and 5,000 barns. He has authored 200 articles and co-authored two books — '*The New World Dutch Barn*' and '*Stone Houses -Traditional Homes of Pennsylvania's Bucks County and Brandywine Valley*'.

On Wednesday, November 13, guest lecturer **Connie Potter** will talk about "*Women in Revolutionary War Era Records*." Although there are few records of women soldiers in the Revolution, the National Archives holds records that describes the lives of women both during and after the war.

Included in her talk is Barbara Syren, who fought briefly in Col. Oliver Spencer's Regiment; the pension file of William and Mary Graham, who lived in upstate New York after the war; Esther Damon, who received a widow's pension until 1811; and Sarah Townsend, who petitioned the Continental Congress for grievances against the British Navy. Potter's lecture will include images of many of the records. She will also explain how you can find the records online at local libraries and the Philadelphia Branch of the National Archives. She will leave time for questions and answers at the end of the lecture.

Constance Potter is retired from the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington. At the Archives, she specialized in federal records of interest to genealogists and helped prepare for the openings of the 1920, 1930, and 1940 censuses. She also lectured and wrote on a variety of topics including Women in the Revolutionary War, The Papers of the Continental Congress, Laura Ingalls Wilder in Federal records, the influence of weather on genealogy, and census records.

Now a volunteer at the National Archives, Potter is preparing a reference information paper on finding records for soldiers who fought in World War I.

Fall Lectures held at Duportail House
297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook, PA 19087
Time: Refreshments 7 PM; Lecture 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$15
Reservations or Questions: Polly Hagan, 610.647.1051

11th Annual Historic House Tour Saturday, September 19, 2015

Travel back in time. If you love history and architecture, you will not want to miss the much-anticipated **11th Annual Historic House Tour**.

Guests will go behind the front doors of historic properties on Saturday, September 19, 12 Noon - 5 PM.

Held annually since 2004, the purpose of the historic house tour is to foster appreciation of historic buildings and neighborhoods and the need for their preservation. The tour showcases history and architectural splendors, and shares elegant examples of beauty, warmth and historic preservation.

The 2015 house tour features an interesting mix of eight private historic homes plus the historic one-room schoolhouse, Diamond Rock, in the Great Valley.

Discover the diversity of historic preservation on the tour, everything from a mid-1800's French Normandy hunting lodge on Valley Forge Mountain to the original 19th century stone farmhouse of Deepdale Farm and the 1915 English Cotswold revival estate, 'Deilwydd'.

Enjoy stops at two very different 150-year old carriage houses. One features color and

whimsy with original artwork throughout and the other utilizes a creative, open design with original hardware and barn doors. Marvel at how innovative owners have skillfully adapted carriage space into 21st century family living.

Also included on the tour is a sprawling 1900's brick farmhouse in Malvern built by sisters, Ellen and Rebecca Winsor. Pro-suffrage activists from Haverford, the Winsor sisters were among 17 Pennsylvania women imprisoned in 1917 for their "Silent Sentinel" picketing of the White House under President Woodrow Wilson.

Enjoy the work of architect (and former Trust Board member) James Garrison as he seamlessly blends an 18th century stone farmhouse in Berwyn with a new addition, making it nearly impossible to see where the "old ends and the new begins".

On the tour, visitors will discover a special playhouse built for grandchildren, a Koi fish pond with its own island and may be greeted by a unexpected flock of chicken.

The beautiful properties and gardens on the 2015 Historic House Tour will be open from 12 Noon to 5 PM on Saturday, September 19, rain or shine.

Duportail House (297 Adams Drive, Chesterbrook) will be the ticket pick-up point for the house tour tickets.

Knowledgeable guides staff each home on the tour and house tour admission includes individual house history booklets that include a map and parking details.

Questions: 610.644.6759.



2015 House Tour Tickets

House Tour tickets (\$35)
Preview Party tickets (\$30)
Combo Ticket (\$60)

Fall Lecture Series
Tickets (\$15)

To purchase tickets, use the form below or order online at: www.tredyffrinhistory.org

Jazz & Just Desserts

House Tour Preview Party
Duportail House
Sunday, September 13, 2015
6 PM - 9 PM



To celebrate historic preservation, the public is invited to attend 'Jazz & Just Desserts', the 11th Annual Historic House Tour Preview Party on Sunday, September 13, 6 PM—9 PM at the historic Duportail House in Chesterbrook.

An evening of live jazz music by Philly's Tom Lawton Trio, drinks, desserts and fun will celebrate the homeowners and the homes featured on the tour

and allow us to thank the generous individual and corporate sponsors who make the annual tour possible. Attendees will get a sneak preview of the beautiful homes featured on the 11th Annual Historic House Tour!

Attendees will also have an opportunity to tour the foundation of the Jones Log Barn and dream its future as part of the 'Living History Center at Duportail'.

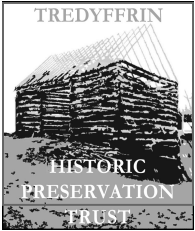
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
12 NOON - 5 PM

'JAZZ & JUST DESSERTS'

HOUSE TOUR PREVIEW PARTY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 6 - 9 PM

TICKET INFORMATION: 610.644.6759
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