

Boyertown area to host house tour

BOYERTOWN — The Boyertown Area Historical Society will hold its second annual house tour on Sunday, June 27, 12 to 5 p.m. Organizing the event are: Mrs. Jake Lea, chairman; Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Lawrence Jilk, Mrs. Linwood Ott, Mrs. Michael Butler, Mrs. Rosie Mutter, Mrs. E. Kenneth Nyce, and Holly K. Green. The tour includes nine private residences, a hotel, a general store, and a spoke/handle factory. The homes on view exhibit a variety of architectural styles and span both the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The oldest residence is Popodicon, a brick, Georgian style

structure, erected in the early to mid-1700s, and currently owned by Dolly Adams. Several early stone farmhouses will be open, including the eighteenth century Ron Rhoads home, which has an especially colorful facade; the home of Mrs. Edwin Reed, which dates from the late 1700s-early 1800s; and the early nineteenth century Robert Caswell home, which was once part of a 63-acre farm. Brick and stone houses of the mid-nineteenth century are also on the tour. Among them are the James Levengood home, a "village" house, erected in the

1840s; the Henry Body residence, also dating from the 1830s, the Charles Napier home, a stone structure probably constructed in the 1820s-1830s. The Alfred Vanderbeck home, a brick structure dating from the 1830s, features some very interesting twentieth century additions. A number of the tour sites involve past or present commercial use. Country taverns were once an integral part of the Boyertown area landscape, vital community

structures in the 1700s and 1800s. Two of these will be on the tour. One, the Yellow House Hotel, was constructed in the 1800s and still functions as a restaurant. The other, the former Pikeville Hotel, today serves as the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Rodenbough. Two other very interesting commercial buildings will be on view. The Hereford General Store, owned by Mr. and Mrs. James Althouse, dates from the early 1800s and still retains much of its

early 1900s stock. Owned by the Bahr brothers, the Gabel spoke/handle factory served the wagons of bygone days. Erected in 1897, the stone factory actually resembles a mill. The tour features buildings that cover several centuries and encompass a diversity of architectural styles. Tickets are \$6 and should be purchased by June 21. Send checks to Mrs. Robert Smith, Box 755, R4, Boyertown, PA 19512.



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Lancaster Co. Society 27 meets to learn about strawberries by Amelia Erb and Doris Nissley
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Lancaster Co. Society 15 meets to entertain Society 7 and 20
Saturday, June 19
Lancaster Co. Society 18 meets for an ice cream party
Lancaster Co. Society 3 meets for a seeing eye dog program



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vanderbeck, a brick structure dating from the 1830s, will be one of nine homes in the

Boyertown area that will be on tour by the area Historical Society. The home features some interesting 20th century additions

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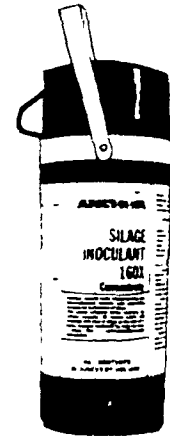
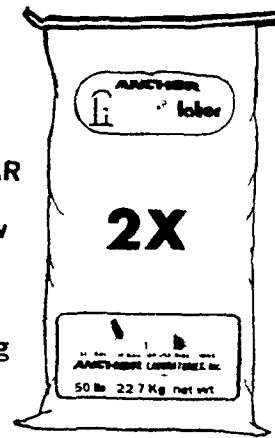
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