

Tour Historical Homes In New Windsor

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NEW WINDSOR, MD. —

With the flip of a calendar page comes the colorful, brisk month of October when mother nature begins her fling with an autumnal paintbrush. And on the first day of October, the new Windsor Heritage Committee will make the unpredictable month even more enticing with its second Tour of Historic Homes.

"This year's tour is a study in contrasts," explained the committee, headed by president, Steve Manning. Visitors will see fine Victorians, an early farmhouse, churches, a cabin and a castle. Yes, a castle.

Standing at the outskirts of town, is the Windsor Castle Hotel, circa 1913. And who better to take charge of a regal property such as this than Bruce and Claudia Jenkins, longtime residents of the English countryside. The wrap-around porch of the three-story frame structure invites visitors to follow the paths through the grounds shaded by monstrous oak trees. Once inside, enjoy 3 floors of the fine period furnishings, beautiful wood floors and oriental wallpapers.

A short drive to nearby Linwood takes tourists back into another century with a visit to Resurgum, a log house built in 1795. The small early log and brick structure was rebuilt and the environs neatly landscaped in 1981. Resurgum is a fine example of preservation to meet the demands of today's lifestyle.

Also in Linwood is Hedgeleigh. The beautiful cream colored brick home is an elegant well-preserved specimen which dates to 1876. The oversized green front door opens to a magnificent entry hall and red carpeted staircase. Home of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, it is beautifully furnished. Its magnificence spills into the back yard, shaded by huge old trees.

As contrast to Victorian elegance, the tour features the beautifully restored farm home of Chuck and Sharon Schuster. Resurvey on the Deeps is an operating grain and beef farm which has been in the Burleson family for four generations. The huge red bank barn is dated 1886. The old farmhouse was built in two sections, the earliest dating to about 1840. The front portion of the home was built in 1902.

The typical white frame two-story structure stood vacant for almost a decade and succumbed to



Raymond Lippy spruces up the Schuster's barn with a fresh coat of paint. The barn was built by N.A. Brown in 1886.

the ravages of time and renters. "Everyone told us to put a match to it," explained Schuster. "So it was saved from the bulldozer."

The construction hasn't stopped. Over the summer, Chuck Schuster removed the small front porch and built a thirty-foot by twelve feet wide veranda which stretches from end to end. The white columns supporting the flat roof over the newly lain flagstone porch make it look "like an old plantation home." Weather permitting, visitors to the 150-acre site can enjoy the breathtaking views from hill top perches or take a stroll around the pond.

The jewel in the crown is the Englar-Metcalf house, circa 1886. Perched atop a hillside just over the railroad tracks outside New Windsor is the large brick home of David and Barbara Duree. Ivy covered walls and a winding walk lead to the front door of this magnificently restored home. Inside, it is a feast for the eyes. Richly colored geometric

and floral designed papers true to the period are framed by deep mahogany wood trim. Oriental rugs and Victorian furnishings fill every room. This home is back on the tour for the second year, "by popular demand. It was clearly the most talked about home last year," explained Manning.

Rounding out the tour is Ducks' Retreat, the Wakefield valley home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rogers Hall; the Carriage House Studio, where Sharon and Rusty Rowland will give stained glass demonstrations; and the Strawbridge Shrine, circa 1760.

Tickets will be available at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 200 Main Street, New Windsor, Maryland on the day of the tour only. The sanctuary of this circa 1896 church is the first stop on the tour. Its semi-circular shape and beautiful stained glass windows are a sight to behold.

Visitors will be welcomed from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For those who wish to make a full day of it, a fine country breakfast will be served at a nominal price at the New Windsor Fire Hall from 7:00 a.m. until noon.

Visitors are always welcome at the church, service at 10:00 a.m. and at the nearby New Windsor Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, services at 9:00 a.m. There will also be a short video introduction about the town, from its beginnings in the 1700's as a tavern stop along the Monocacy Trail through its evolution to a farming community that also became a favorite medicinal springs retreat for city folk. For further information, call (301) 875-2054 or (301) 775-7371.



Under construction is Resurvey on the Deeps. The farmhouse on the grain and beef farm has now been restored and is open for the historical tour on October 1.

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