

LMT Historic Commission Hosts 2nd Annual Open House Sunday, May 3, 11am- 4pm

View Area History, Crafters, Re-enactors, Colonial Cooking and More

Area residents are invited to enjoy a slice of Bucks County history this spring when the Lower Makefield Township Historic Commission hosts its second annual self-guided tour of the township's historic owned properties. The event will be Sunday, May 3, 2009 from 11 am- 4 pm. Mark your calendars!

Visitors will be able to tour the sites aboard two old-fashioned trolleys that will carry them to the Satterthwaite House and Janney/Brown House on the grounds of the Patterson Farm, the Slack House at Makefield Highlands, the Elm Lowne property as well as the Garden of Reflection.

There will be hearthside cooking, battlefield encampments, re-enactors, and crafters. Parking will be available at both Elm Lowne and the Garden of Reflection where visitors can board the trolleys. Bagged lunches will be on sale for a nominal cost.

Highlights of the event will include:

- Elm Lowne: This may be your last chance to see this property before it is sold. It is a true treasure of Lower Makefield Township. If you have not seen it, please do so this year. The property is located on 12-acres of land on Dolington Road with a private lake. Mercy Ingram will be demonstrating open hearth cooking on this beautiful estate. Inside a quilting demonstration will be on display in the drawing room as well as other township exhibits.
- The Patterson Farm/Satterthwaite Farmstead homes will both be open. The farm is comprised of 127.6 acres of land surrounded by I-95, Route 332, Mirror Lake Road and Yardley-Newtown Road. Adjacent to the Satterthwaite and Janney/Brown houses, there will be battlefield encampments and historic crafters. This will be the first opportunity for many residents to view the newly created Lower Makefield special-edition Mercer tile, which will be available for sale at the event. Quilters will be demonstrating at this location as well. In addition, harpist Caroline Friehs will provide the music inside the Janney/Brown house.
- The Slack House at the Makefield Highlands will also be open. This house is a diamond in the rough and was built around the time of the Revolutionary War by Thomas Slack, a son of John Slack who purchased the entire 372-acre estate in 1766 to farm the land. Don't pass up the opportunity to see the striking 1950's retro kitchen, which is simply amazing!
- The Garden of Reflection will offer the opportunity to pay tribute to those who died on 9/11 and honor the memories of those from Lower Makefield Township. This 63-acre site deeded by the Varga family to Lower Makefield originally housed the 1770 Mathias Weisner stone and frame farmhouse and springhouse.

Please save the date Sunday, May 3rd and spend a delightful day seeing history in your own backyard. Cost is a nominal donation of \$5/seniors \$4. Children are free. Proceeds go to support Lower Makefield Township Historic Preservation.