

Announcing an HSDC Spring Bus Trip to Two Wonderful Historic Sites in Maryland

Please join the **Historical Society of Dauphin County** on Thursday May 7, 2009 as we visit the Hampton Estate National Historic Site and the National Register Ladew Manor House and Topiary Gardens.

We'll travel first to Towson, arriving with time to spare to walk the extensive landscaped grounds of the Hampton Estate. Hampton was acquired by the Ridgely family, beginning in 1745, and once encompassed 25,000 acres. The mansion was built in 1783, and the mansion and outbuildings on the remaining 43 acres have been a National Historic Site since 1948. Hampton has been recently restored and has just reopened to the public. We'll have a guided tour of the mansion and additional time to visit the grounds and gift shop prior to our departure for Monkton and the extraordinary Ladew Manor House and Gardens.

We'll pause for lunch at the Ladew Café prior to our 1:00 tour of the manor house. Following the house tour, we will have plenty of time for self-guided tours of the topiary garden. The garden – named the most outstanding topiary garden in America by the Garden Club of America – encompasses 22 acres of flowers, plants and greenery organized around more than 100 larger-than-life topiary forms and scenes.

The trip will depart from the Harrisburg East Mall parking lot at 7:45am and the Weis Market parking lot at 10th and Lowther Sts. in Lemoyne at 8:00am. We will leave Ladew at 3:30pm, arriving on the West Shore around 5:00pm and the East shore at 5:15pm.

The cost of the trip, including lunch, is \$75.00 for members and \$82.00 for non-members. Non-members may choose to take advantage of a special “tripper” offer of an annual HSDC membership at \$25.00 – a savings of \$5.00 over the regular rate for a combined cost of \$100.00. HSDC members receive a 10% discount on gift shop purchases and bus trips, as well as a free tour of the John Harris Mansion and a copy of our annual publication, The Susquehanna Journal – a value of at least \$30.00.

To register, call HSDC at 233-3462 to reserve a place, complete the form below and return it with payment by April 10th to HSDC, 219 S. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17104. We hope you will join us. We look forward to traveling back in history with you.....

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ (Day) _____ (Evening)

Email: _____

Lunch Order: Soup and Sandwich (please check one of each per person)

Soup: Cream of Crab _____ Vegetable Minestrone _____

Sandwich: Chicken salad w/apples grapes and walnuts on a croissant _____

Vegetarian w/fresh mozzarella, tomatoes and basil _____

Turkey panini w/provolone and cranberry mayonnaise _____

Departure Point: East Shore _____ West Shore _____ (specific parking instructions will be provided prior to departure)

Check Enclosed: _____ Amount: _____

Credit Card Payment: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ American Express _____

Amount: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____