

Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum News Release

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Landis Valley to Hold Annual Herb & Garden Faire

LANCASTER, PA—On May 11 and 12, Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum will celebrate all things horticultural at its annual Herb and Garden Faire. The rain or shine event, a Mother’s Day tradition for over thirty years, begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. both days.

“The Herb and Garden Faire serves as a wonderful kickoff to spring,” said Cindy Kirby-Reedy, the museum’s special events coordinator. “Whether a passionate gardener or someone that has one tomato plant in a pot on their patio, there’s something for everyone.”

More than 80 vendors spread out over the historic village area will entice shoppers with a wide range of herbs, annuals, perennials, native plants, vegetables and shrubs along with herbal and all-natural products, garden art, tools and locally made handcrafts. Over ten thousand heirloom plants will be offered by the Heirloom Seed Project Marketplace alone, including heirloom roses and many varieties of heirloom tomatoes. The event also hosts a food court, with vendors serving healthy menu options throughout the day. Visitors are invited to stroll through the Heirloom Seed Project gardens, which produce most of their seeds, as well.

The Herb and Garden Faire is the main fundraiser for the Heirloom Seed Project, which started in 1985 with the purpose of preserving historically significant vegetable, herb and ornamental seeds. Some of the plants featured at the faire date back to the early nineteenth century. Seed varieties not offered as potted plants, such as beans and corn, can be purchased at

the Landis Valley Museum Store. An order form can also be downloaded off the museum's website.

The sale benefits not only the Heirloom Seed Project, but serves as a fundraiser or outreach endeavor for other organizations such as the Manheim Central High School Agricultural Program, Friendship Heart Gallery, Master Gardeners Program, and the McCaskey High School Student Volunteers.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65+), \$8 for ages 6-11, and free for ages 5 and under. More information on the Herb & Garden Faire, including a full list of vendors, is on the museum's website, www.landisvalleymuseum.org.

Situated on 100 acres in Lancaster, PA, Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum is a living history village that collects, preserves and interprets the history and material culture of the Pennsylvania German community from 1740 to 1940. The museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is administered by the Pennsylvania Historic & Museum Commission with the active support of the Landis Valley Associates (a registered charitable organization).

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