

Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum News Release

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30th Annual Herb and Garden Faire to be Held at Landis Valley

LANCASTER, PA –On May 12 and 13, Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum will celebrate all things horticultural at its annual Herb & Garden Faire. The event, a Mother’s Day weekend tradition for thirty years, begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. both days. Admission to the event is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors aged 65 and up, \$8 for children ages 6-11, is free for children ages 5 and under, and benefits the museum’s Heirloom Seed Project.

“The variety of vendors is what people come back for year after year,” says Cindy Kirby-Reedy, the museum’s special events coordinator. “To get this many sellers of heirlooms, natives, and unusual plants in one place among so many other garden product sellers is a real treat that people look forward to.”

Over 80 vendors spread out over the historic village area of the site will entice shoppers with both common and hard-to-find plants, as well as herbal skin care products, jewelry, and garden art and accessories. The event is also distinguished by cultivating a casual atmosphere using music and food vendors, as well as a plant-sitting stand manned by museum staff and volunteers.

The event started as a way to sell excess plants started by the museum’s Heirloom Seed Project and Herb & Garden Faire remains the primary fundraiser for the program. Started in 1985, the Heirloom Seed Project is a program that protects and preserves more than 100 varieties of plants—mainly vegetables—that were saved by Pennsylvania German families around the Lancaster County area. Many of these are historically significant. Some of the plants featured at

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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.

Situated on 100 acres in Lancaster, PA, Landis Valley Village & 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). For more information, please visit www.landisvalleymuseum.org.

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