



*The Wentworth-Gardner &
Tobias Lear Houses*
ASSOCIATION
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Spring 2010

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors thanks you for your continuing support of the Wentworth Gardner & Tobias Lear Houses Association. Without your contributions, all our restoration projects, educational opportunities, and fun events would not be possible.

For the 2010 season, we have a wonderful calendar of events. For a third year, the Inspired Creations Artisan Show will feature works by renowned local artisans inspired by our houses. This unique show has grown from 10 to over 20 artisans working in an expanded number of artistic media. The Inspired Creations show opens with a wine and cheese reception on June 26th.

We also hope you will join us on July 17th for our annual Members & Neighbors Picnic. Come enjoy the view and be appreciated! Information on all of these events will be posted on our new website when it goes live in June.

During the warm months of 2010, we are hoping to improve the drainage system around the Tobias Lear House and possibly paint the north side of the Wentworth Gardner House. While these are not awe inspiring projects, they are vital to the future preservation of these wonderful buildings. We encourage you to help us this year with a cash donation or the gift of your time. Volunteers are always needed and you can raise your hand by contacting our House Manager, Stacey Fraser, at info@wentworthgardnerandlear.org or 603-436-4406. We thank you again for your support!

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2010 Events

Yard & Plant Sale: This annual sale features heirloom plants donated by members of the neighborhood and Portsmouth community. In addition, we'll have gently used goods from the attics and basements of Portsmouth.

Antiques Appraisal Day: Bring your treasures by to be appraised by professional auctioneers. \$5 for one item and \$10 for three items (items must be small enough to be carried in).

Flag Day Observance: Bring a picnic and celebrate the flag with us! Our annual Flag Day Observance will feature a talk by the Coast Guard about maritime flags and pennants.

Inspired Creations Opening: Our annual art show opens with a fresh selection of artwork, created by talented artists and craftspeople and inspired by the Wentworth-Gardner House. Show will run 6/26-8/8.

Member & Neighbor Picnic: We've rescheduled our annual picnic to July! Bring a picnic lunch and your family, sit by the river, and enjoy yourselves as we show our appreciation for your continued support.

Twilight Tour: Visit seven historic houses in Portsmouth and enjoy seeing them in a new light. Houses on the tour include the Gov. John Langdon House, Rundlet-May House, John Paul Jones House, Warner House, Moffatt-Ladd House and Wentworth-Gardner and Tobias Lear Houses.

Fairy House Weekend: We hope to see you at the houses for this annual event in the South End. We'll have fairy creations around the houses, warehouse, and yards. Bring your own fairy house to add to our gardens!

2010 Calendar of Events

May

8th & 15th: Yard & Plant Sale

23rd: Antiques Appraisal Day

29th & 30th: Houses open for Tall Ships weekend

June

12th: Houses open for the season

14th: Flag Day Observance

26th: Inspired Creations show opens

July

17th: Member & Neighbor Picnic

August

8th: Inspired Creations show closes

September

10th: Twilight Tour with PHHA

18th & 19th: Fairy House Weekend

October

10th: Houses close for the season

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