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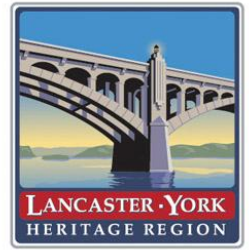
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Open House at the John & Kathryn Zimmerman Center for Heritage at Historic Pleasant Garden

Sharing Heritage with Neighbors and Area Residents

Wrightsville, PA – The Lancaster-York Heritage Region will host an Open House on **Saturday, September 29, 2007, from 10am-1pm** at the John & Kathryn Zimmerman Center for Heritage at Historic Pleasant Garden located at 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368.

The Open House will take place at the 270-year-old stone landmark located on the river at Long Level, a few miles south of Wrightsville in York County. “We are fortunate to be located at Long Level and this is an opportunity for us to share not only the scenic beauty of the area but the rich history and heritage of Pleasant Garden and the region,” said Mark Platts, President of the Lancaster-York Heritage Region.

The event is being held in conjunction with the Watershed Alliance of York’s fifth annual Watershed Weekend. The Open House is free, open to the public and is scheduled to occur rain or shine. Festivities will include:

- Guided house tours
- Performances by the **Pennsylvania Past Players**, a professional Civil War Living History Company that was assembled as part of the Pennsylvania Civil War Trails Program. The company members represent prominent figures from the local area and share authentic Civil War heritage stories and experiences.
- Showings of ***Stories of the Land***, a new orientation film that captures the vitality of our region’s small towns and countryside, the story of the quest for freedom, the ingenuity of our people, the richness of our land’s bounty and the beauty of our natural wonders.
- Activities for children, door prizes, exhibits and light refreshments

About Historic Pleasant Garden: In a labor of love and heritage preservation, John and Kathryn Zimmerman of Mount Wolf, PA purchased Pleasant Garden, commonly referred to as the Dritt Mansion, in 1998 and spent five years restoring and renovating the formal Georgian styled stone house to its current condition. The house and property overlook the majestic Susquehanna River at Long Level.

The property has a rich history dating to a 1729 land grant from Lord Baltimore in Maryland to Thomas Cressap, who named the property Pleasant Garden. Disputes over the location of the 40th parallel, the original boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland, soon led to fighting known as the Border War, which was eventually resolved by the Mason-Dixon Line. Although the exact age of the bluestone house that stands today is not known, it is believed to have been built in the 1730s. Over time, the property has had 11 different owners, including Captain Jacob Dritt, an officer in the Pennsylvania Militia and a businessman and early planner of Washington Boro. The Lancaster-York Heritage Region has been honored to call historic Pleasant Garden its home since it started renting from the Zimmerman family in March 2004. In May of 2007 John and Kathryn Zimmerman generously donated the house and property to the Heritage Region, which enables the organization to expand its heritage programs and better share the rich history of this historic home with both residents and visitors.

About the Lancaster-York Heritage Region: The Lancaster-York Heritage Region is a non-profit organization and State-designated heritage area working to identify, preserve, interpret and promote the rich heritage and culture of York and Lancaster Counties. For more information about our mission and programs we invite you to visit www.StoriesoftheLand.com.

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