

# At Home

## ■ MUNCY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Muncy tour showcases historic ho



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The "House of Many Stairs" — it has 11 sets of stairs — is included in this year's tour.

MUNCY— The Muncy Historical Society will host its annual Historic Homes and Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 18.

A combination of historic properties, showcase gardens, a quilt exhibit, shopping opportunities, entertainment and refreshments are included. While most properties are in Muncy Borough, this year's tour includes the House of Many Stairs and the Adlum Gardens, both located in Pennsdale.

Dating to the late 1700s, the House of Many Stairs is one of Lycoming County's most significant historic properties and tradition includes this house as one of the stops on the Underground Railroad. Steeped in history, this "bank house" served many a weary traveler while doing business as the Bull's Head Tavern. One can only imagine the difficulties presented by its 11 sets of stairs. Period costumed colonials, located throughout the house, will share many a tale with the tour's guests.

Parking and light fare will be available across the road at the First United Methodist Church.

John Adlum, recently back from visiting with

Thomas Jefferson, entertains guests who stroll through his period gardens where boxwoods create the formality, while wisteria vines surround the teahouse. Perennials, which bloom through the three growing seasons, provide a relaxing atmosphere.

The first stop and main ticket center for the tour is the Muncy Historical Society, housed in one of Muncy's earliest homes. The two and one-half story, seven-bay frame building represents the Greek Revival style. This year, the museum features a one-day-only exhibit focusing on "Women in Uniform."

Women have had varied roles during wartime that evolved from support functions, to wartime protest, to the more active role of women in the military today. The exhibit features military, medical and homefront attire, from both private and museum collections, from World War I through World War II.

## If you go

Advance tickets, at the discount price of \$10, for the Historic Homes and Garden Tour and Quilt Show can be purchased from 4-6 p.m. July 17, or by mail at P.O. Box 11, Muncy, PA 17756. Tickets the day of the tour are \$12 and may be purchased at the Muncy Historical Society or at the House of Many Stairs.

Complimentary ice cream sundaes will be served in the museum's meeting room and ice cream parlor.

Also on the tour is Muncy's historic James Episcopal Church, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. St. James is a two and one-half story stone, Gothic Revival-style church. It features a 107-foot tower topped with a hexagonal spire, double and single lancet windows in each of the four-bay southern and northern sides, and a beautiful 12-light rose window graces its Main Street façade. Visitors will be greeted in the quaint Parish House for refreshments. Beautifully landscaped gardens surround the property and visitors are



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ESTATE OF DONALD R. RUBENDALL

**Saturday, July 25, 2009 9:30 A.M.**

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invited to sit a spell on one of the benches before walking across the street to the Murray Brown House.

In Muncy, the featured gardens offer a variety of styles and reflect the personal tastes of their owners. Some gardens have been designed to bloom throughout the growing season beginning with bulbs and irises progressing to clematis and peonies, and then to lilies and butterfly bushes. Annuals and perennials add color, fragrance and texture to the landscape and they transform the yard into an alluring place. Boxwoods and hostas add formality to some gardens; wildflowers and vines provide a more colonial feel and flavor, attracting birds, bees and butterflies to their nectar. Variety also will be seen in the way owners have defined their gardens and walkways with the use of brick, stone, wood, shrubbery and Pennsylvania blue-stone along with their shade- and sun-loving plant life. Complimentary light refreshments

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