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Dear Member,

Experience Bethlehem. This spring, gather your friends and family to experience the stories of Bethlehem. Whether you prefer visual, auditory, or kinesthetic stimuli, Historic Bethlehem Partnership offers activities and events which will engage you with stories from early Bethlehem.

Come see our exhibition, *House on the Lecha: An Architectural History of Bethlehem's Gemeinhaus* (starting April 16), attend our Zug Lecture, "A.W. Leh: Shaping the Moravian Mile (April 19), and move through Historic Bethlehem on our Segway and Walking Tours every Saturday (starting April 4). Our Heritage Trail, a five-mile, pedestrian-friendly path connecting Northside and Southside Bethlehem, will launch in May. A guided tour, available via cell phone at your convenience, will accompany the Heritage Trail.

No matter how you choose to experience the stories of Historic Bethlehem, we have an activity or event for you. We hope you will visit soon!

Sincerely,
***The Staff and Volunteers at
Historic Bethlehem***

Splendors of the Nile Wine and Cheese

Historic Bethlehem Partnership and Collette Vacations, a Smithsonian Journeys Travel Adventures provider, will present a free Wine & Cheese information session on *Splendors of the Nile*, a twelve-day (October 28 through November 8, 2009), all-inclusive vacation exploring the timeless wonders of Egypt. Spillman Farmer, [1720 Spillman Drive Suite 200 in Bethlehem](#), will host this hour-long information session on Thursday, April 9 at 5:30PM. To RSVP to this information session, contact Judy Bloch at 610-882-0450 x10 or jbloch@historicbethlehem.org by April 7. Bring a friend!

Feed Your Mind Lecture Series start April 21 Free admission!

The Moravian Museum will be hosting the first *Feed Your Mind* lecture, "House on the Lecha: An Architectural History of Bethlehem's Gemeinhaus," at the Gemeinhaus Saal on Tuesday, April 21 from noon to 1:00PM. Jeffrey Long, Architectural Historian, will share stories about the oldest surviving Moravian Gemeinhaus in the world.

The *Feed Your Mind* Lecture Series, formerly known as *Tutt*

Talks, occur on the third Tuesday of every month at noon in our museums. *Feed Your Mind* lectures are free, open to the public, and last about one hour. Bring lunch and a friend!

To RSVP, contact Judy Bloch at 610-882-0450 x10 or jbloch@historicbethlehem.org. Stay tuned for upcoming talk dates and locations!

Last chance to see *Beneath Our Feet* exhibit at 1810 Goundie House



The exhibit at the Goundie House, *Beneath Our Feet: Archeology of the Colonial Industrial Quarter*, is available through March 29.

Beneath Our Feet takes visitors on a journey from the mid-18th century, when Bethlehem was home to one of America's earliest industrial parks through today, as scholars study the findings of archeological excavations of the Colonial Industrial Quarter along the Monocacy Creek.

Beneath Our Feet features findings from these digs and visitors can see how digs in historic areas, such as the Colonial Industrial Quarter, are executed. On display are mochoware, redware, decorated tiles and other artifacts from Bethlehem's Colonial days and various images of the area's transition throughout the years. The exhibit is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00AM to 5:00PM and Sundays from noon to 5:00PM. Admission is free.

Move through history Walking Tours and Segway Tours

We offer guided Walking and Segway Tours every Saturday in March.

Carrying the Mechanical Arts to Perfection, this month's Walking Tour, highlights the early concentration of pre-Industrial Revolution technology along the Monocacy Creek in Bethlehem. The registration of \$10 per person includes admission to the exhibit, *Beneath Our Feet: Archeology of the Colonial Industrial Quarter*. Tours begin at 2:30PM.

Roll through Bethlehem on a Segway, an electric scooter guided by your own natural motions. Historic Bethlehem Partnership and Segway of the Lehigh Valley present Segway Tours, adventures which begin at Segway of the Lehigh Valley, [318 East 3rd Street in Bethlehem](#), to the former Bethlehem Steel site, over the Fahey Bridge, and through the Historic District in Bethlehem. A registration of \$80 per person includes over a half-hour of training and a two-hour guided journey around Bethlehem. Tours begin at 10:00AM.

Getting to the "Heart of the Valley"

The Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts and the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem will be open for a special season-preview weekend on Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 5 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM, in conjunction with [WDIY 88.1 FM's "Heart of the Valley" Antiques Show](#). See never-before-exhibited objects from the Kemerer Museum's Elizabeth Johnston Prime Dollhouse and Toy Collection and

peek at the progress of our new architectural exhibition at the Moravian Museum. Curators will be available to answer questions about our collections and upcoming exhibits--feel free to ask. Don't forget to pick up a coupon for admission to WDIY 88.1 FM's "Heart of the Valley" Antiques Show.

"Heart of the Valley" Antiques Show will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM and Sunday, April 5 from 10AM to 4:00PM at The Ice House on the Lehigh River, [56 River Street in Bethlehem](#). Browse quilts, textiles, pottery, primitives, furniture, folk art, toys, and more from twenty-five select exhibitors. "Heart of the Valley" Antiques Show will benefit programming on WDIY 88.1 FM.

Save the Date!

- **Zug Lecture:** "A.W. Leh: Shaping the Moravian Mile," [April 16](#)
- **Rooms to View House Tour:** *The Outdoor Room, featuring an admission-free plant sale at Burnside Plantation, [June 6](#)*
- **Roll Out the Barrel: Bethlehem Brews History Exhibit, [June 16](#)**
- **"New to You" Sale at Burnside Plantation, [June 20](#)**
- **Blueberry Festival, [July 18 and 19](#)**

Thank you for joining us in bringing three centuries of history from Bethlehem to life and preserving nineteen historic sites, including two National Historic Landmarks. Your membership keeps our history alive. We truly appreciate your active support.

Want to know more about membership? Contact LoriAnn Wukitsch at 610-882-0450 x16 or lwukitsch@historicbethlehem.org.

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