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Heading

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006

The 2006 Christmas Tea will be held at the Hottenstein Mansion a Trust property and home of Dr. Robert Webster Reynolds and his wife Jennette.

The original owner of the property, Jacob Hottenstein, was born in 1697 and immigrated from Germany. His grandson, David who was born in 1734 and died in 1802, built the present home in 1783. Except for a short period in the early twentieth century the home was occupied by the Hottenstein family. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972 and presented, as a gift, to the Historic Preservation Trust in 1976 by David Fulmer Hottenstein the last member of the family to live in the house.

It appears that for some of its history this house was a well known location to local residents. The Hottenstein family was a powerful influence in the community. A number of the men were instrumental in founding what is now known as Kutztown University and sat on the board of trustees for many years. Many are known to have

studied medicine and dentistry at Ursinus College. At least some of the Hottenstein men operated their medical practices on the property and it is believed that one Edward Hottenstein operated a dental practice adjacent to the doctor's office.



The main house is an outstanding example of German style detailing added to a standard Georgian plan. The house is completely unique to the area for its style, workmanship and detail. The interior features original mantles and paneling, corner cupboards, and hand wrought

hardware. The central hall is elaborately decorated with pilasters, pediments, fluting and crown molding. Most of the original woodwork is intact with some original paint including stippling and graining. The rear kitchen ell was built in 1847 supposedly from stones from a church that once stood near Bowers Road. The windows and trim of this wing are of the Federal style.

Outbuildings include a smoke house, bake house, root cellar, and a two car garage with a workroom. There is a separate building which housed the doctor's office. Across the street in a farm field is located the Hottenstein family cemetery.

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REDWARE PLATE NUMBER 3

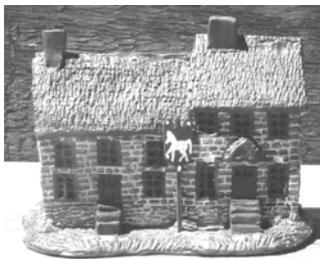
The White Horse Inn, the third in the series of commemorative redware plates created by potter Denise Wilz, is ready to order. There is also a limited quantity of plate #1 Mouns Jones House and plate #2 Bridge Keeper's House.



Redware plate approximately 7" in diameter.

NEW THIS YEAR

Marbie Foster, a crafter of miniature houses, has crated three beautiful replicas of our properties which would compliment the redware plates: the Mouns Jones House, the Bridge Keeper's House and the White Horse Inn.



White Horse Inn
approximately 5"x4"
Price \$50



Mouns Jones
approximately 4½"x3"
Price \$35



Bridge Keeper's
approximately 4"x2½"
Price \$35

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WINTERTHUR TRIP

On Tuesday, December 5th, the Kutztown Public Library has planned a day trip to Winterthur.

The focus of the trip is to see most, if not all, of the treasures of Pennsylvania German origin including reconstructed rooms dating to the mid 1700's, hand painted architectural treatments, hand painted furniture, quilts, cooking utensils and cookware, and Fraktur, the medieval German art of illuminated writing.

You will be taken on two tours. One is the Stylish Suites Tour which includes the Kershner Parlor and Kitchen from the Wernersville area dating back to 1755 and the Fraktur Room which came from the ballroom at the Hottenstein Mansion. The other tour, the Distinctive Collections Tour, includes the Lebanon Bedroom and the Pennsylvania German Bedroom.

The trip costs \$67 per person including transportation, admission to the museum, and the two special tours. Lunch will be on your own at the Garden Cafeteria in the Visitors Center.

Yuletide Tour tickets will be available for \$5 if you care to fit it between the two tours.

Departure time from Reading will probably be around 8:00 am. The bus will leave Winterthur at 4:30 pm. Seating is limited so call the Louise Gonser Library today and reserve your place 610-683-5820. This trip will be a warm up for touring the Hottenstein Mansion on December 12th!

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- _____ Mouns Jones House miniature @\$35 each
- _____ Bridge Keeper's House miniature @\$35 each
- _____ White Horse Inn miniature @\$50 each

Enclosed is my check for_____

Orders may be picked up at the Christmas Tea or by calling the Trust office (610-385-4762) to make pick up arrangements.

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