



LEMON HILL *HIGHLIGHTS*



Photos by Elizabeth Oberdorf.

Lemon Hill sparkles for Christmas

This year, Lemon Hill opened its doors for special holiday tours, Nov. 28 through Dec. 2, 2007. The house was beautifully festooned for Christmas by several talented individuals and garden clubs, including the **Garden Workers** and the **Weeders**.

Despite very inclement weather the evening of December 2, board members and special friends gathered in festive dress for Lemon Hill's annual holiday

party.

An excellent jazz band from **Friends' Central School** regaled guests with music. As people chatted, they imbibed fine wines donated by a generous board member, quaffed Pravda Vodka donated by **Jacquins Liquors** and ate delicious hors d'oeuvres provided by **Manna Catering**.

Many thanks to all who made this evening special. ♣

Lemon Hill bedroom adorned for the holiday.



Two houses offer student tour package

Lemon Hill warmly welcomes visiting school groups during the year. They come to experience Lemon Hill's "Living History Lessons." Lemon Hill provides bus transportation for inner city schools, and waives the entry fee for those who cannot afford it.

"The tours have a tremendous effect on the children," said Joyce Jones, Education Director. "The students love the stories we tell, especially those about early American children their age who did not have any form of modern technology."

In 2006, **Lemon Hill** began to offer tours jointly with **Laurel Hill**, another historic Fairmount Park house. Typically, students visit Lau-

rel Hill first, arriving at Lemon Hill in time for lunch on the porch and free play on the lawn. Then they divide into small groups for a tour of the house.

Both houses receive letters from students telling how much they've learned from their experience.

Alma Jacobs, president of Women for Greater Philadelphia, which administers Laurel Hill, said, "We are amazed at how much information students retain from their visits." Jacobs believes introducing the park houses to a younger generation will ensure the villas' support and preservation in the future. ♣

Lemon Hill to sign agreement with Fairmount Park

In March, Lemon Hill expects to sign a Partnership Agreement with the Fairmount Park Commission that will benefit the historic house in the areas of maintenance, conservation and restoration.

Lemon Hill Chairman Ellie Penniman said, "In return for the assurances of Park Partner entities, the Park is offering additional services and priority treatment. We very much hope that this will be a successful initiative."

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Save the Date !

Lemon Hill Bike Race Party!
Sun., June 8, 2008, 8 am to 3 pm.

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Lemon Hill is located off Kelly Drive, opposite Boat House Row.



Hours:

Open April to December,
Wed. to Sunday,
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed all legal holidays.

Open by appointment only during
January, February and March.

Free parking.

Group and school tours are available year-round. Please call Joyce Jones at 215-232-4337 for information.



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The partnerships with historic houses are in accord with Fairmount Park's strategic plan of June 2004, which states that the Park system should have "formal written agreements in place with all park partners." Also, the park wants to reward collaborations that "truly advance the mission of the Park.." ♣

House Rentals are up!

Lemon Hill is available to rent for photo shoots, weddings, and private parties. It is most suitable for smaller groups.

For information call Joyce Jones at 215-232-4337.



Left, Lemon Hill 's music room, be-decked for the Christmas holiday.