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### Old House Fair in Bellefonte

**April 29-30, 2016**

**The Pennsylvania Match Factory • 100 Match Factory Place • Bellefonte, PA**

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**Bellefonte, PA** – [The Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association \(BHCA\)](#) is pleased to host the “Old House Fair” program in partnership with the [American Philatelic Society](#) and the [Centre County Historical Society](#) on Friday and Saturday, April 29-30, 2016 at the [Pennsylvania Match Factory in Bellefonte, PA](#).

**What is the Old House Fair?** The Old House Fair is a two day event that will feature internationally known authority on the economic impact of historic preservation, [Donovan Rypkema](#), along with over a dozen state and local experts in old house restoration, historic architectural styles, period landscaping and building management.

The Fair will open on the afternoon of Friday, April 29th with a workshop, Mainstreet LLC, explaining how communities can find resources for revitalization. The afternoon program will be followed by a reception and banquet culminating in a keynote by Mr. Donovan Rypkema. Friday evening’s focus will be on policy and the specific role historic preservation can play in the revitalization of downtowns, a topic of extraordinary relevance to Bellefonte. We hope to attract local leaders and potential investors to this part of our Fair.

On Saturday, the Fair will offer participants their choice of sixteen different sessions offering useful information about historic landscaping, old house styles, appropriate exterior colors and historic masonry among many other topics. There will be practical and theoretical presentations, a panel discussion, two tours and individual consultations.

The event will take place in the American Philatelic Society's national headquarters located in the sensitively rehabilitated Pennsylvania Match Factory at 100 Match Factory Place in Bellefonte, PA. A large and once abandoned industrial complex at the edge of downtown Bellefonte, the Match Factory embodies the benefits of preservation. Tours of the repurposed facility will complement the sessions offered within its century old walls.

### ***Why have an Old House Fair?***

- 1. Provide a forum featuring the beautiful Bellefonte National Register Historic District and its Victorian built environment for learning about new ideas, materials and techniques for rehabilitating, furnishing and maintaining an older building.*
- 2. Celebrate the region's historic architecture and character that gives it its unique sense of place.*
- 3. To provide an exhibit area to bring together homeowners with retailers, suppliers and other professionals in home improvement, historic preservation, renovation, interior furnishings and construction.*
- 4. Help understand the historic treasures in our care as a first step in encouraging the improvement of these structures.*
- 5. Inspire commitment to historic preservation as pathway to economic revitalization through maintaining historic structures and a historic downtown.*
- 6. Promote historic preservation as a means of creating communities that people want to live in.*

### **How much does it cost?**

## **SATURDAY**

**\$10 entire day (8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

## **FRIDAY**

**\$20. Main Street LLC: Community Entrepreneurism and the Case for Private Sector Rehab – Rick Hauser, AIA, LEED AP and Rodney Beard, Esq. (1:00 –4:30 p.m.)**

**\$50. Reception, Banquet & Keynote Speaker: The Impacts of Historic Preservation: Recent Lessons from Home and Abroad – Donovan Rypkema (5:00—8:15 p.m.)**

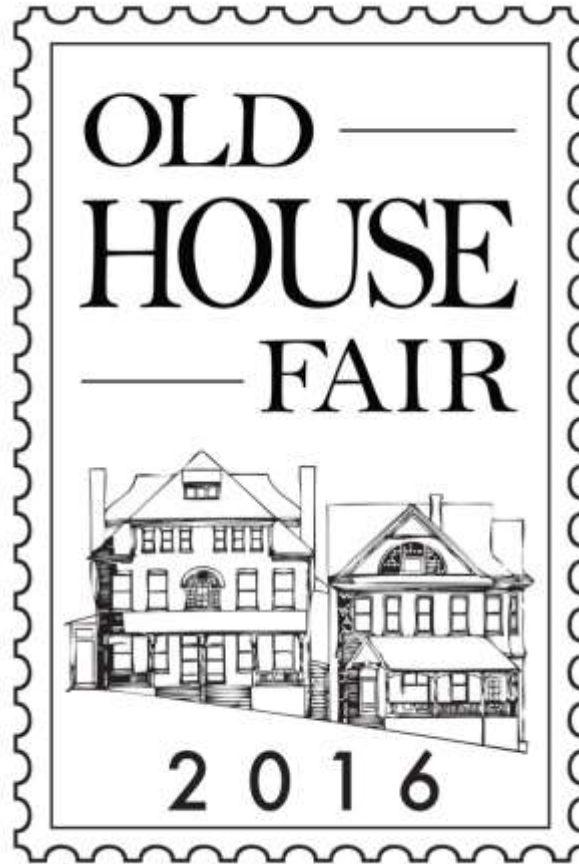
Continuing education credit is available to qualified professionals for an additional fee.

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For more general information and how to purchase reservations to the event:

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Website for information and registration:  
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