

HomeCare Options

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Summer 2009

Fundraiser to be Held at Lambert Castle

One of New Jersey's most remarkable and venerable landmarks will be the venue for a wine tasting fundraiser that will benefit HomeCare Options.

On Thursday, September 17 (beginning at 5:30 p.m.), the event will be held at Lambert Castle, which is atop Garrett Mountain in Paterson. The site, minutes from Routes 80 and 19, offers breathtaking views of the Manhattan skyline. The cost per guest is \$100.

"Supporters will help ensure that HomeCare Options can continue its 55-year mission of providing caring and compassionate services to frail and disabled citizens living in Passaic County and other North Jersey communities," says Ken Wessel, the non-profit agency's Executive Director. "We wanted to hold the event in a place that would be really special and would pique people's interest. Lambert Castle is Passaic County's version of San Simeon."

The castle, originally completed in 1892, was built by an English-born silk tycoon named Catholina Lambert. Lambert had grown wealthy owning silk mills in Paterson and parts of Pennsylvania.

The castle was constructed of sandstone and granite at an estimated cost of \$500,000 (an exorbitant expense at a time when the average wage was \$1 a day for 10 hours of hard labor). Several years later, a 70-foot observation tower was constructed on the crest of the cliff and a gallery building was added to house a huge collection of European artwork (which was open for public viewing every Saturday afternoon).

The demise of the silk industry eventually cost Lambert much of his wealth and forced him to mortgage his estate. In 1916, he sold off most of his artwork and liquidated the assets of his company.

In 1923, at the age of 89, he died in his castle. Two years later, his son, Walter, the only one of his eight children to survive him, sold the property to the city of Paterson for \$125,000, with the title transferred to the newly created Passaic County Parks Commission.



In 1934, Lambert Castle became a museum and in 1976 it was placed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. Closed in 1995 for major repairs and maintenance, it was reopened again in September 2000.

Hazel Lambert Spiegelberger is the oldest living link to the Lambert family. Catholina was her great-grandfather and Walter her grandfather. Now 82, Mrs. Spiegelberger continues to work with the Passaic County Historical Society to make sure the castle can be enjoyed today by others.

Mrs. Spiegelberger, who lives in Wyckoff, will attend the upcoming wine tasting. Guests will enjoy a wide selection of fine wines (accompanied by a delicious and expansive choice of hors d'oeuvres). Professionals will share their extensive knowledge and expertise. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

Wine Tasting at Lambert Castle

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

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Yes, I plan to attend the wine tasting at Lambert Castle. Number of tickets _____

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