

# *High Tea at Hobart Manor*



*Sunday, May 5, 2013  
Sponsored by the  
Hobart Manor Revitalization Committee*

In loving memory of committee member

*Grace DeGraaf*

May 14, 1914—April 29, 2013

## *About Hobart Manor*

- 1875—** John McCullough of Scotland purchased land for farming and in 1877 built the original house and named the estate Ailsa Farms after his home in Ailsa Craggs, Scotland. The lot was 3.5 acres.
- 1900—** Homesick McCullough returned to Scotland.
- 1902—** Ailsa Farms was sold at auction to Paterson resident Jennie Tuttle Hobart, the widow of former Vice President Garret A. Hobart, for \$5,000. That year Mrs. Hobart deeded the property to her son Garret Jr. as a Christmas gift. Garret Jr. purchased an additional 250 acres.
- 1915—** Garret Jr. engaged Paterson architects Fred Wentworth and Frederick Vreeland to undertake an extensive remodeling and expansion of the castle, adding an additional 40 rooms and the spiral staircase at entranceway.
- 1919—** Upon the completion of the expansion,, Garret Jr. and his wife and children moved into their new home.
- 1941—** Garret Jr. and his mother Jeannie passed away.
- 1948—** Garret Jr.'s widow, Caroline Frye Hobart, sold the entire estate to the state of New Jersey for \$200,000 and it became the new home of Paterson State Teachers College.
- 1951—** Classes began on campus which consisted of classrooms in Hunziker Hall and Hobart Manor, then called East Hall, which contained the library, administrative offices, and three classrooms.
- Late 1960's—** East Hall was renamed Haledon Hall.
- 1976—** The building was listed on the New Jersey and National Registers for Historic Places and renamed Hobart Manor because of the building's history.
- 1985—** The Manor was emptied and major renovations began.
- 2005—** The Hobart Manor Revitalization Committee was founded to identify areas in need of restoration and to raise funds for, advise on, and lead these restoration projects.
- 2007—** The Bolger Foundation contributed a challenge grant to the Hobart Manor Revitalization Campaign to refurbish the Manor.
- Present Day—** The Manor is home of the offices of the President and Institutional Advancement. The refurbished front rooms, the original dining room, library, billiards room, drawing room, and center foyers are open to the public and are used weekly for campus functions.





# *Program*

## *Welcome*

**Pamela Ferguson**

Vice President, Institutional Advancement

## *Remarks*

**Kathleen Waldron**

President, William Paterson University

## *Special Greeting*

**Garret A. Hobart IV**

Great-grandson of Garret A. Hobart

## *Historical Presentation*

**Robert L. Cohen, M.Ed., MSW**

Local Author, former Trustee of the Passaic County Historical Society,  
and past Governor of Great Falls Preservation and Development Corporation

**"The Life and Times of Garret A. Hobart"**

## *Closing Remarks*

**Pamela Ferguson**

Vice President, Institutional Advancement

## *Music provided by*

**Kelly Green**

Graduate Student, Jazz Studies Program



## *About Robert Cohen*

Mr. Cohen was born in Passaic and raised in Hackensack, a town laden with Revolutionary War associations. He was educated in the Hackensack public schools, and from there went on to Rutgers University, where he majored in history. Continuing his studies at Rutgers, he received a Master's degree in education. Mr. Cohen took additional graduate level courses at Columbia, Temple, the University of North Carolina, and Old Dominion University.

After a stint in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Mr. Cohen entered the social work profession. He was employed by the Passaic County Board of Social Services for twenty-nine years, and during his tenure, he earned a Master's degree in social work, also from Rutgers. He retired in 1997 as a staff development and training administrator.

After leaving the agency, Mr. Cohen embarked on a second career. He became Curator of the Wortendyke New World Dutch Barn Museum in Park Ridge, where he familiarized himself with the Jersey Dutch legacy. Mr. Cohen's research on the development of the Wortendyke barn, and its place in history, proved fruitful. He subsequently published a profile on the site in *De Halve Maen*, journal of the Holland Society in America. In addition, he contributed the article on historic barns for the *Encyclopedia of New Jersey*.

In 2005 Mr. Cohen was elected a trustee of the Passaic County Historical Society, where he contributes his time and expertise toward advancing the society's historical and cultural endeavors.





# *About the Hobart Manor Revitalization Committee*

The Hobart Manor Revitalization Committee was formed by a group of concerned alumni who participated in the 2005 Hobart Manor Restoration Fundraising Campaign.

The Revitalization Committee was formed to help make decisions, provide leadership support, and serve as a link to potential donors. While still focusing on these goals, the Committee has also expanded its role to creating opportunities like the High Tea to expose other alumni, friends and the community to the University's treasured historical landmark. To date, the Committee has restored all the furniture in the public rooms of the Manor, working closely with an interior designer to make sure only period fabrics and accents were used. In addition, the Committee continuously seeks to identify individuals, corporations, civic groups, and organizations that may have an interest in supporting Hobart Manor's upkeep through in-kind or outright donations.

Membership on the Committee is not limited to University alumni. Students, community leaders, historical enthusiasts, and concerned citizens are welcome to serve on the Committee and are encouraged to join.



# *How to join the Hobart Manor Revitalization Committee*

You do not need to be an alumnus of William Paterson University to join the Hobart Manor Revitalization Committee—just interested in the preservation of our local heritage.

Members commit to four meetings per year and to attending and promoting the annual High Tea in May and the Hobart Manor Holiday Decorating festivities in November.

We ask that each member participate on one subcommittee:

Annual High Tea (May)

Hobart Manor Annual Holiday Decorating Committee (November)

Restoration Committee (ongoing Hobart Manor refurbishing projects)

If you would like to join the Hobart Manor Revitalization Committee for the 2014 fiscal year (July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014), please contact Mary Pospisil at 973.720.2934 • email [pospislam@wpunj.edu](mailto:pospislam@wpunj.edu).





*Hobart Manor*  
*Revitalization Committee Members*

Jean Aires '64, '88

Anne Arnowitz '50

Juliana Brown '58

Anne Ciliberti

Barbara Colwell '60

Grace DeGraaf '36

Pamela Ferguson

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

Garret Hobart IV

Meredith McCarthy

Mary Pospisil

Vivian Semeraro '60

Arlene Schreiber '53

Beverlee Schweighardt '59



# *Next up at WP*

## **Profiles of the Future—the Annual Student Art Exhibit**

**Through June 6, 2013**— *Ben Shahn Court and South Galleries, Monday–Thursday 10am–5pm; Sunday, May 12 & 19 and June 2, 12–4pm*

In collaboration with the WPU Art Department, this exhibition presents undergraduate student artwork in media ranging from graphic design to photography, printmaking, painting, and sculpture.

## **50th Reunion Celebration**

**Monday, May 13, 2013**— *University Commons Ballroom, 12:30–3:30pm*

The cost of the luncheon is \$40. The shuttle for the Campus Tour departs University Commons promptly at 11am.

## **Commencement Ceremony**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2013**— *Izod Center, East Rutherford, NJ, 10 am*

The 190th William Paterson University Commencement. Shuttle bus transportation arranged for the class of 1963.

## **Harlem Walking Tour**

**Saturday, June 8, 2013**— *10am–9pm*

Come join us for a walking tour of Harlem, followed by a tour of the Apollo Theater, then dinner on your own at one of Harlem's famous restaurants. Call Alumni Relations at 973.720.2175.

## **Summer Jazz Room Series**

**Monday, July 22–Friday, July 26, 2013**— *Shea Center, 8:00pm*

Guest artists include Dennis Mackrel, Rossano Sportiello and Nicki Parrott, Eve Cornelious, The Duduka Da Fonseca Trio featuring Maucha Adnet, and Jimmy Heath. To be added to the mailing list, call the box office at 973.720.2371.

## **Foundation Golf Outing**

**Monday, September 23, 2013**— *Preakness Hills Country Club*

Fifth Annual Foundation Golf Outing. Contact Mary Pospisil at 973.720.2934 or [pospisilm@wpunj.edu](mailto:pospisilm@wpunj.edu) to be added to the mailing list.

## **Homecoming**

**Saturday, September 28, 2013**— *William Paterson University campus*

Homecoming, tailgating and Pioneer Football Team vs. SUNY Maritime College. See [wpunj.edu/alumni/whats-happening.dot](http://wpunj.edu/alumni/whats-happening.dot) for more details.



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