



*The Lancaster Historic Home Show*

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## **Ghost Hunters Come to Lancaster for the Historic Home Show**

**LANCASTER, PA- May 13, 2011-** There's something about old houses that gives you a creepy kind of feeling. Creaking floors, doors slamming shut and creatures that scuttle quickly away, making your heart beat just a little faster.

But that's all in a day's work for David Eberhart and his team of investigators for the PA Ghost and Paranormal Research Team. They've seen some unusual things, and they're coming to Lancaster to share their stories at the Lancaster Historic Home Show from June 10-12, 2011 at the Lancaster County Convention Center.

"I began the walkthrough and noticed that the woman was wearing a white dress, but it was covered in blood, making it seem red," explained Dave Eberhart, the team lead investigator and medium.

Although it may seem like an occurrence from a horror movie, such events are all part of the job for the PA Ghost Hunters team. The team is part of a larger, Christian-based organization which utilizes techniques including historical research, medical evaluation, modern technology, and ministry to prove or disprove, document, and remove paranormal activity from historical sites around the country.

In addition to Eberhart, the team is comprised of 10 members. Some include David Miller who is Equipment/Evidence and Lee Wastler who is the Team Minister/Lead Investigator. It comes as no surprise that in their line of work, no two days are the same.

In a recent site incident, the team went to the Old Asylum in Blairsville, PA. Built in 1919, the Asylum grew to house over 3,000 patients by the 1960's, all of whom were under the supervision of only five doctors. Conditions were very poor for the patients, with townspeople explaining that the Asylum inhabitants were enduring torture in the form of beatings, suffocation, burning, and hanging. After coming under scrutiny from the state and federal government, a new hospital was built and this building was shut down in 1967.

Their investigation seemed like a horror movie come to life; Eberhart and team member David Miller could feel the presence of spirits immediately after entering the Old Asylum. Like many old buildings, the basement of the Old Asylum is somewhat terrifying, so the team headed down there to see what they could find. Dodging holes in the dilapidated floor, they began calling out to the spirits. Eberhart could sense one of the beings moving upstairs, so the team began to move with it and several of them witnessed a ball of light flashing up the stairs.

In another recent visit, the team visited CJ's Restaurant in West Chester, PA. Employees at this restaurant have reported occurrences like an elevator filling with smoke and a glass beer mug broken cleanly down the middle with no explanation. As Eberhart entered the building, he immediately saw the woman in the blood-stained dress mentioned previously. He quickly saw that she had killed herself by falling backwards off the roof and, after allowing the spirit to possess his body, Eberhart felt deep depression and had the sudden urge to do the same. To avoid this harrowing situation, he stayed away from the roof for the rest of the investigation.

To learn more about the chilling work of the PA Ghost and Paranormal Research Team, visit the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lancaster Historic Home Show from June 10-12, 2011, where some members will be providing a seminar.

Along with over 100 exhibitors (from traditional craftspeople to contractors), the Lancaster Historic Home Show will present:

- A seminar presented by the PA Ghost and Paranormal Research Team on Sunday, June 12, 2011. Founded in 2005, the team's mission is to prove/disprove, find and document, and remove paranormal activity while providing professional compassionate services and to enhance the life of their team and clients.
- Demonstrations of traditional trades and crafts throughout the show.
- Educational seminars (included in admission cost) on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Several educational seminars which will qualify for credits through the American Institute of Architects' Continuing Education system (for an additional fee).
- A Silent Auction of architectural salvage items, replicas of period style architectural details and antiques- 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Rockford Plantation.
- Workshops with the "Old House Doctor," Saturday and Sunday. Duffy Hoffman, Owner of Hoffman Preservation and Restoration, will present a workshop on

appropriate techniques for the restoration and weatherization of window frames and sash, and a workshop on paint problems and solutions in historic structures.

- The release of “The Stonemason’s Gospel According to Ian Cramb,” as well as a book signing on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. As a Scottish stone mason, Mr. Cramb continues a family tradition begun in the 1200’s. His new book showcases his expertise and many years of experience in this trade.
- A Keynote Presentation by Andy deGruchy, owner of LimeWorks.US and Overseer to Proper Masonry Restoration on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Along with Ian Cramb, Mr. deGruchy presents “Now is the time to restore architectural treasures with a Conservator’s mind-set and with the hands of the skilled artisan,” discussing the idea that if you find someone who loves what they do in any trade discipline, they will take you to the right solution.
- Appraisals by James Fry. Mr. Fry will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday, between 1pm and 4pm. He has been buying and selling antiques since 1949 and his keen knowledge and experience makes him uniquely qualified to be the on-site appraiser for this weekend. Your treasures are welcome for a free appraisal.
- Silent Auction, attraction – Antique Brick bake oven to be built during the weekend of the show. Hugh McKinney will use his talents to make this special treat, lime mortar provided by Lime Works.US
- Educational seminars will be held on Friday, June 10, 2011

*Vintage Productions is presenting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lancaster Historic Home Show, together with the Lancaster Traditional Artist Show at the Lancaster County Convention Center, June 10, 11, and 12, 2011. Vintage Productions has partnered with Early American Life magazine to bring the Central Pennsylvania area a home show devoted to preserving and restoring our collective built history. This event will bring together owners of older buildings with professionals to help them care for, furnish, and upgrade their buildings in a historically sensitive manner.*