

News and Comments



“Deilwydd” (c. 1912) from the front (above) and the rear (below).



The Rebecca & Ellen Winsor Home (c. 1930s)



“Deepdale” (c. 1875)

2015 Historic House Tour

The 11th Annual Historic House Tour was held on Saturday 19 September, with the proceeds benefitting the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust's fundraising campaign to complete the restoration of the Jones Log Barn alongside the existing 18th-century Federal Barn on the Duportail House property in Chesterbrook, creating an historic enclave for the community to be called the “Living History Center at Duportail.”

The late summer weather was perfect and many people participated in the tour, which included eleven distinctive and diverse properties. The Duportail House itself and the Diamond Rock (“Octagonal”) Schoolhouse were the two more familiar locations on the circuit this year, in addition to nine other rarely accessible private properties. Particular highlights included the recently restored “Deilwydd” estate house, and two old carriage houses whose interiors had been transformed by two women with very different but nonetheless remarkable and striking visual sensibilities, one a doctor with artistic talents and the other an interior decorator. — JOS

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18th century Federal Barn and new foundation for the Jones Log Barn near the Duportail House in Chesterbrook.



Mahlon Rossiter Farmhouse (c. 1821)