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Members' Trip 2011

Wiscasset, Maine

"The prettiest village in Maine"

Thursday, June 9, through Saturday, June 11, 2011

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Thursday, June 9

2:00 – 3:30 VIP Tour of Castle Tucker

Peek into unexpected corners of this unique house. Built in 1807 and occupied by the same family for almost a hundred and fifty years, this mansion is filled with the furnishings and belongings of the Tucker family. The Tuckers were at the pinnacle of Wiscasset society for four generations, but the public never saw the private turmoil of these lively and colorful personalities. Enjoy a leisurely in-depth tour of the house with stories and rooms not included on the general tour.

3:30 – 4:30 Walking Tour of High and Main Streets

Earle Shettleworth, director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission shares his architectural history expertise while Dan Stevens, Nickels-Sortwell House tour guide regales us with tales of heroes, rogues, thieves and damsels in distress on a walk from Castle Tucker to the Nickels-Sortwell House.

4:30 – 6:00 Welcome Reception at Le Garage

Friday, June 10

8:00 – 9:30 Breakfast at the Bed & Breakfast

10:00 – 11:00 High Federal Architecture Lecture at Nickels-Sortwell House

Earle Shettleworth, director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and Maine State historian, shares his insights into the architecture and building of Nickels-Sortwell House, one Maine's most elegant mansions and a fine example of high Federal-style architecture. Captain William Nickels, a wealthy sea captain, built the house in 1807 at the peak of Wiscasset's prosperity. Sold by the family and then run as an inn, the house was purchased in 1899 by the Sortwell family and lovingly restored.

11:00 – 12:00 Tour of Nickels-Sortwell House

Considered the best example of high Federal-style architecture north of Boston, Nickels-Sortwell House was built by a wealthy ship owner and captain at the peak of Wiscasset's heyday as a busy sophisticated seaport. Run for many years as an inn, the house was purchased in 1899 by the Sortwell family and lovingly restored. See rooms not usually included on tours that offer insights into the Sortwell family's use of the house when it was their summer home.

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch (on guests' own)
Try nearby *Sarah's, Red's Eats, or Treats*

1:30 – 2:30 1811 Old Lincoln County Jail
The Lincoln County Museum is home to the Lincoln County Historical Association, and features changing annual exhibitions. The 1811 Jail (and Maine State Penitentiary from 1820-1824) includes tours of the cells. Visitors can see graffiti left by 19th century French or British sailors imprisoned here as well as original locks, keys, shackles and the jailer's log from 1800-1954.

2:30 – 3:30 The Musical Wonder House

3:30 – 6:00 Leisure time

6:30 – 8:00 Group dinner at The Squire Tarbox Inn on Westport Island

Saturday, June 11

8:00 – 9:30 Breakfast at the Bed & Breakfast

10:00 – 11:00 Check out

11:30 – 1:00 Pownalborough Courthouse in Dresden
The 1761 Pownalborough Courthouse is the only pre-Revolutionary War Courthouse left in Maine. John Adams tried a case here. Other famous visitors included Robert Treat Paine and Benedict Arnold. The Courthouse was also a tavern, a post office and home to the same family for more than 200 years. The grounds include a nature trail, beautiful picnic grounds overlooking the Kennebec River and a picturesque historic cemetery.

1:15 – 2:15 Group lunch; conclusion of program

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Itinerary subject to change and enhancement

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