

The Papermaker

HISTORIC RITTENHOUSETOWN

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RittenhouseTown is open for tours thru the end of September. Visit us on weekends from Noon-4PM. And remember, current members get in for free.

CHEF WALTER STAIB COMES TO RITTENHOUSETOWN

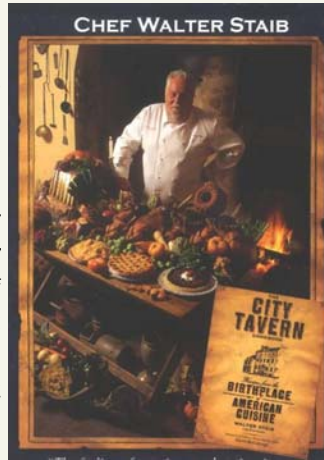
A Taste of City Tavern at RittenhouseTown: An Evening of Authentic 18th Century Fare with Chef Walter Staib

On May 28, Chef Walter Staib of City Tavern joined us in welcoming over 125 guests for an evening of authentic 18th century fare. Chef Staib used RittenhouseTown's original 18th century Bake House to prepare a vast array of dishes from escoveitch salmon to Martha Washington's chocolate mousse cake. Traditional cocktails and wine were served courtesy of City Tavern. Yards Brewing Company provided selections from its Ales of the Revolution collection and Dietz and Watson donated meats. Students from the Restaurant School assisted with food service and preparations.

Chef Staib ran two cooking demonstrations in the Bake House during which he explained to our guests traditional 18th century cooking practices. *Continued on page 3.*

National PBS Cooking Show Filmed in RittenhouseTown's Original 18th Century Bake House

Chef Staib recently taped four episodes of his PBS cooking show, *A Taste of History*, in RittenhouseTown's original Bake House. We welcomed a full film crew for an exciting four-day shoot. The Bake House never looked so colorful! The shows will air nationally starting in September. (Check your local listings). Keep an eye out for interviews with members of RittenhouseTown's own staff.



We are very excited about our new relationship with Chef Staib and look forward to working with him again in the future. To find out about any

upcoming collaborations or other programs at RittenhouseTown, visit our website, www.rittenhousetown.org.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Historic RittenhouseTown is going green! As the financial and environmental costs of mailing printed newsletters continue to grow, we are exploring new ways to communicate with all of you. Beginning with this issue, our newsletter will now be available on our website, www.rittenhousetown.org. We understand that some of you may prefer to receive a printed copy. We will be happy to mail one to you if you will email us at information@rittenhousetown.org or call us at 215 438 5711. Lowering newsletter costs will enable us to apply more of your membership dues to our popular education program and to continue with our critical preservation efforts. We thank you!

These past few months at RittenhouseTown have been particularly busy ones as you will see in the pages that follow. We are now open for tours on weekends. Lorin Diaz, our summer intern, will be here to greet you. Paper Arts Workshops have begun with some new classes and times. Our Second Annual Summer Camp and the 20th Annual Paper Mill Run 5K Race are just around the corner! If you are looking for a sunny place to spend a summer's day, please visit!

Chris Owens
 Executive Director

E D U C A T I O N P R O G R A M R E C E I V E S A G R A N T F R O M T H E C H I L D R E N C A N S H A P E T H E F U T U R E F O U N D A T I O N

In January of 2009 Rittenhouse-Town's education program received a generous grant from the Children Can Shape the Future Foundation. The funds were used to support our spring 2009 Sponsor-A-School program, an initiative that eliminates all program fees and transportation costs for Philadelphia public schools.

Since the program began, we have dramatically increased the

number of Philadelphia public schools that participate in our education program. Although our regular program fee is only five dollars per student, the additional cost of bus rental can make it difficult for some schools to attend.

Thanks to the Children Can Shape the Future Foundation, we were able to eliminate all financial barriers while still covering our own expenses. So far their

generous grant has paid the way for fifteen schools and over 600 children.

We plan to continue seeking support for this initiative so that children in Philadelphia can experience the history of their own city.

Our 2008 Sponsor-A-School program was supported by both the Skilling and Ludwick Foundations.



A student shows off the paper she made at RittenhouseTown

T H A N K Y O U V O L U N T E E R S



Volunteers remove invasives near the barn

2009 Volunteer Groups

Penn Charter School

January 9 & 23, February 6 & 20. 60 volunteers

Friends of the Wissahickon

February 14: Love the Wissahickon Day. 20 volunteers

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP & Temple University

May 16: Philadelphia Cares About Fairmount Park Day. 30 Volunteers

Friends Select School

May 18. 130 volunteers

With twenty-five acres of land and six buildings here at RittenhouseTown, it is hard for our staff of two to do everything around the site. Because of this, we rely heavily on the help of our wonderful volunteers.

Between January and June of 2009, over 240 volunteers of all ages came to RittenhouseTown to help with everything from trash pick-up to mass mailings. Many removed invasive plants and created new gardens around the site.

Thank you to all of our volunteers as well as David Bower, Fairmount Park Volunteer Coordinator, for leading and recruiting such hard workers. If you are interested in volunteering at RittenhouseTown, contact Ariel Wilson at awilson@rittenhousetown.org or 215-438-5711.

W O R K I N G W I T H W I N T E R T H U R

Angela Duckwall and Gretchen Guidess of the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation joined us at our annual members' meeting on April 22nd to discuss their work to restore two Rittenhouse samplers from Rittenhouse-Town's collection. The women have spent countless hours cleaning and testing the two samplers which were originally created by Hannah Unruh and Lavinia Rittenhouse in the early 19th century. They presented their findings to our members in a detailed and informative presentation.

We are grateful to Angela and Gretchen for all their hard work and for welcoming RittenhouseTown's staff to the conservation lab at Winterthur on two separate occasions. We look forward to seeing the final result.

R E C E N T E V E N T S

(S E E B A C K P A G E F O R U P C O M I N G E V E N T S & P R O G R A M S)

V A L E N T I N E P A P E R M A K I N G



On February 7, over thirty papermakers joined us to make valentines in the barn

E G G H U N T & F A I R



Over 100 children joined us for our Annual Egg Hunt on April 4. This year we added a spring Fair that included a moon bounce, sand art, face painting and papermaking

AN EVENING WITH CHEF WALTER STAIB

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Chef Staib found time during the busy evening to sign copies of his new book, *City Tavern: Recipes from the Birthplace of American Cuisine* now available at citytavern.com.

While preparing for the event, we learned so much from the Chef about how the Bake House may have been used by the Rittenhouse family. He even left some cooking tools to help us interpret the Bake House for our education program. The Chef's staff also discovered a connection

between the Rittenhouses and City Tavern. Records indicate that David Rittenhouse, who was born at RittenhouseTown, hosted a special dinner at City Tavern in 1793.

Thank you to Chef Staib and his dedicated staff as well our sponsors, planning committee and guests for helping to make this event a great success. We were thrilled to be able to hold it right here at RittenhouseTown and look forward to our upcoming fall fundraiser on October 29. (See below).

Planning Committee

- Charlotte Biddle*
 - Ellen L. Goodwin*
 - James Nelson Kise*
 - Elizabeth T. Lukens*
 - Anna Coxo Toogood*
 - Sally Gendler
 - Anne Standish
- *HRT board member



Guests enjoy their food while sitting near the original 1707 Rittenhouse Homestead.



Delicious desserts.



Exec. Director, Chris Owens and board President Ed Duffy thank Chef Staib with a special gift.

MENU

Appetizers

- Green Bean & Mushroom Salad
- Asparagus wrapped with Prosciutto
- Schwäbischer Wurst Salad
- Mustard Eggs
- Escoveitch Salmon
- Historic Breads
- Pepperpot Soup with Sweet Potato Biscuits
- Cornmeal Fried Oysters
- Duck Sausage w/Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage
- Mini Crab Cakes with Herb Remoulade
- Field Greens Salad w/ Raspberry Shrub Vinaigrette

Entrees

- Chicken Breast Madeira
- 18th Century Style Turkey Stew
- Mini Salmon Corn Cakes
- Bratwurst & Bauernwurst
- Medallions of Beef
- Sautéed Asparagus
- Sauerkraut
- Mashed Potatoes
- Herbed Barley
- Root Vegetable Gratin
- Pennsylvania Dutch Style Egg Noodles

Sweets

- Cheese Cake
- Bread Pudding
- Strudel
- Mini Fruit Tarts
- Biscotti
- Spice Cookies
- Assorted Cookies
- Martha Washington's Chocolate Mousse Cake

Beverages

- Madeira
- Wines: White & Red
- Champagne Shrub
- General Washington Tavern Porter
- Thomas Jefferson 1774 Tavern Ale
- Poor Richard's Spruce Ale
- Tavern Cooler - Cider with Whiskey, Rum & Peach Brandy

SPONSORS



SAVE THE DATE

On **October 29** we will host our fall fundraiser to celebrate the founding of Friends of Historic RittenhouseTown by Hugh Hanson twenty-five years ago. The event will be held at the American Philosophical Society. David Rittenhouse, great grandson of first papermaker William Rittenhouse served as second president of the APS from 1791 to 1796. David was born in the 1707 Homestead right here at RittenhouseTown. The APS will display selected items from its David Rittenhouse collection including historic documents and a portrait by Charles Willson Peale. Food and drink will be served.

Renew your membership to Historic RittenhouseTown or become a first-time member at www.rittenhousetown.org Your membership dues help to support our education program and preservation efforts. As a member you are entitled to free tours of the site and discounts on most of our programs as well as in our gift shop. Join today!

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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Four new members were recently elected to RittenhouseTown's Board at our recent members' meeting. We are pleased to welcome Stephen L. Kurtz, Cory Ng, Paul M. Rittenhouse, Sr. and Philip Scott. We also said thank you to Anna Coxe Toogood and Rebecca Yamin who had come to the end of their terms on the Board.

Historic RittenhouseTown: 2009 Board of Directors

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- Paul Rittenhouse, Sr.
- Philip Scott
- Mark S. Stewart, Esq.
- Carolyn Card Sutton

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

To register or for more information, visit www.rittenhousetown.org or call 215-438-5711

PAPER ARTS WORKSHOP SERIES

- Paper to Press: Tuesday, July 14
- Turkish Marbling: Saturday, July 18
- Momigami/ Paste Painting: July 19
- Open Vats Papermaking: Wednesday, July 22
- Japanese Papermaking: Saturday, July 25
- Papermaking from Invasive Plants: August 29



CAMP: AUGUST 3-7

Space is still available for children grades 3-6. Includes papermaking, colonial cooking, Colonial printing, crafts, archeology, hikes and water games



20TH ANNUAL PAPER MILL RUN

5K RACE: SEPTEMBER 12

Registration is now open. Sign-up early to receive the discounted entry fee.

