

NEW DAY TRIPS FOR REMAINDER OF 2008 & 2009

We are now doing day trips in cooperation with Hagey Tours. See the new sign up procedures and cancellation policies below. If you have any questions see Sandi Chiriano or call 215-362-7432.

Sign Up Procedures for Day Trips:

Trips are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be made at the time you sign up. Make checks payable to "The Peak Center." Name and telephone number of your emergency contact must be provided at that time. We are joining in with Hagey's published day trips. You will get a small discount by signing up for the trips listed below with us and you will be joining with friends from The Peak Center. We will also

do what we can to assist you in the event you need to cancel your reservation (see cancellation policy below). Note that early sign ups are more likely to guarantee space.

Cancellation and other policies related to these Day Trips: If you see a trip that you are interested in sign up **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** (Hagey's tours fill up quickly)!!! We are doing these day trips as a convenience to our center members and friends. **If we do not**

have a minimum of at least 10 people for any given trip that is listed 31 days prior to trip, we will return money to the individuals and recommend that you book your trip directly with Hagey's – so, please sign up EARLY !! Thank you. See Member Services for full details on policies and departure information for these trips.

We are booking space on the following Hagey Coach and Tour Day trips:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
November 19, Wednesday	"Amish Family Christmas" @ Freedom Chapel Dinner Theatr.	\$77.50
November 28, Friday.	Atlantic City Casino – Coin package included	\$29.50
December 11, Thursday	Miracle of Christmas @ Millennium Theatre –Sight & Sound.	\$91.00
December 12, Friday.	Radio City Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes.	\$96.50
Feb. 25, 2009, Wednesday.	Jersey Boys, Broadway, NYC (wait list – see Member Services).	\$151.00
March 3, 2009, Tuesday	Philadelphia Flower Show	\$50.00
April 2, 2009, Thursday.	Atlantic City Casino – Coin package included	\$30.50

Cultural Day Trips

In addition to the Hagey trips listed above we will be offering some cultural trips to Philadelphia via various forms of transportation. Read below for details. Fuel costs have made traditional motorcoach costs too expensive for small groups so we have gotten your input and have planned several "boutique" trips to cultural venues in Philadelphia. Consider joining us. Because of the nature of these trips you can't wait until the last minute or you'll miss out. Please check deadlines for signing up or indicating interest.

NEW: Music & Dance in early 2009

Musical Pictures-Keyboards Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel at the Perelman Theater Monday, April 13, 2009

Sign-up deadline date: November 17, 2008

Those who joined us previously know how informative, talented and entertaining pianist Jeffrey Siegel is. This evening he will be giving insight into and playing a unique program of musical pieces that bring to life the splendor of Rachmaninoff's Etudes Tableaux, the delicacy of Debussy's Preludes and Mussorgsky's sublime Pictures at an Exhibition.

This will be a small intimate group going down via van to the Kimmel Center where you will be able to go to dinner at a location in or around the Kimmel Center on your own prior to the concert which begins at 7:30 PM. The cost will be \$ per person and the cost covers the cost of the tickets and round trip transportation from The Peak Center that evening. Seats are very limited since we are using a van. **Sign ups are being taken through Tuesday, November 18 only. If you are interested sign up now.**

Pennsylvania Ballet's La Sylphide, June 2008

We plan to take a group to see La Sylphide, a beautiful romantic ballet about a Scottish Farmer who abandons his bride on their wedding day to follow a gorgeous winged creature. We will be going to a Saturday matinee, most like June 13, 2009. If you have an interest in this trip please give your name to Sandi in member services in November so we have an idea of how many are interested. Transportation will either be by van or coach depending on the number of people who express interest. We will have full cost information in December newsletter.

NEW: ART in Philadelphia- Join us via train and tour the arts

Gee's Bend: The architecture of the Quilt Exhibition & American Folk Painting from the Collection Exhibition, Friday, December 5, 2008

We will be taking the train down to center city in the morning after rush hours and will be shuttled over to the Art Museum for the day to tour these two exhibits. You will have time for lunch on your own in the museum or cafeteria. Admission (if you don't have a museum membership) will be \$12 payable at the door. Amy Cummings-Leight will be leading this group. Exact cost of the shuttle from the train station to and from the art museum will be available when you sign up (it will be between less than \$18 total round trip). We will go as a group and return as a group on the train from Lansdale and the shuttle from Penn Center/ Suburban Station via minibus to and from the Art Museum. Inform Member Services if you prefer to board the R5 at a different station and they will let you know the exact train. We will use elevator to get to street level at the station but there will be some stairs and some walking involved. Please sign up for this trip no later than Tuesday, November 18, 2008.

Looking ahead

In late winter, February or March, we are planning a group trip via train again to do a walking tour the Masonic Temple and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts at Broad & Cherry.

We will walk the two blocks from Suburban station to the Masonic Temple Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to tour their fascinating building with their grand rooms each with their own spectacular décor: Oriental Hall, Ionic Hall, Corinthian Hall, Renaissance Hall, Egyptian Hall, Norman Hall and Gothic Hall. After this tour will have lunch (on your own) in the area and then tour the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts in the afternoon. The Academy's building is an architectural treasure designed by famous Philadelphia architect, Frank Furness. It houses American art by such well known artists as: William Merritt Chase, James McNeill Whistler, John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt, William Glackens, Georgia O'Keeffe, Andrew Wyeth, and Edward Hopper. It is the home of the well known work: Benjamin West's Penn's Treaty with the Indians, Gilbert Stuart's George Washington, Charles Wilson Peale's The Artist in His Museum, Winslow Homer's The Fox Hunt. There will be walking involved in this trip and we will have an alternate date should bad weather occur. Note: If you are under 65 years of age you will need to pay the off peak train fare. Those over 65 years of age ride free. Cost of lunch will be on your own. These sites are within 3 blocks of Suburban station. There will be walking involved. If you are interested in going on this trip which will involve just the cost of the admissions to the Masonic Temple and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts for a total cost of \$13.00 please give your name to Sandi at the Member Services Desk by December 15, 2008.