

**NFRBMEA Spouse & Family Agenda
2005 Annual Conference
Wooster, Ohio**

Sunday, June 12, 2005

6:00 Picnic / Frisbee Golf at Houser Pavilion, Freedlander Park, Wooster. A map to the park is located at the registration table.

Monday, June 13, 2005

7:00 Breakfast

8:30 Welcome & Announcements -The Hilton Garden meeting room

8:45 **"Who Are the Amish?"** Presented by Paul Miller, director of *The Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center*. Wayne & Holmes counties are at the center of the world's largest Amish community.

10:00 Board bus – Tour Wooster Area

10:15 Guided walking tour of the **Wayne County Historical Society Campus**, founded in 1904. This complex of 6 period furnished buildings & grounds includes a 1826 brick home, 1873 schoolhouse, 1880 county store & ladies' dress shop, firehouse & log house furnished ca. 1860. Another building houses the history of transportation including carriages, fire engines & a working model railroad. Other displays include early agricultural implements, blacksmith and woodworking tools, antique lamps & a large collection of birds & mammals.

12:00 **Luncheon at The Olde Jaol Restaurant** Dine in an historic cell. Claiming to be the finest sheriff facility of its kind, the Olde Jaol facility was built in 1865. In 1977 the jail closed & in 1980 was registered as a historical landmark. The Olde Joal Restaurant opened in 1995.

1:30 **Quailcrest Farm** One of the best known & respected herb farms in Ohio & surrounding states. Walk a self-guided tour of 25 display gardens. Quailcrest farm has an extensive variety of herbs, perennials, old roses, flowering shrubs, scented geraniums and more under a 12,000 sq. ft. greenhouse solarium. Watch a demonstration making a miniature garden tray. A restored barn has many unique garden & home gifts.

3:30 **Hartzler's Ice Cream Shop** Old-fashioned premium ice cream & frozen custards (over 25 flavors) & cream-top milk in glass bottles all produced on premises. Choose a cone, sundae or parfait snack. *Ice cream snacks not included in registration fee.*

4:15 **Garden of Roses of Legend & Romance & Secret Arboretum**, located on the campus of **The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center**. Take a narrated wagon ride around 115-acre arboretum viewing more than 2,000 species & varieties of ornamental plants & trees, stopping to see & smell some of the 500 varieties of roses.

5:00 Arrive back at hotel

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

7:00 Breakfast

8:05 Board bus for the Arden Shisler Center

8:15 **Smucker's Taste Panel**. Participate in a grape jelly taste panel for The J.M. Smucker Company. The corporate offices & factory are located in Orrville, right here in Wayne County. A few minutes of your time plus your opinion helps earn funds for the conference and gets you a gift from Smucker's. Located outside the conference room doors.

9:00 Board bus for a scenic tour & a day of shopping & exploring in beautiful Holmes County.

Lunch will be on your own

9:30 **Homestead Furniture**. Amish family-owned & handcrafted, hardwood custom-designed furniture showroom.

10:30 **Mt. Hope Farmer's Auction**. Held every Tuesday, each week has a different variety of produce, animals, crops, baked goods & flea markets.

11:10 **Wendell August Forge**. The nation's oldest and largest forge in operation. Watch skilled craftsman create one-of-a-kind metal giftware.

- 12:00 **Walnut Creek Cheese Village of Shops**
Mudd Valley Creamery Café – Sandwiches, salads, ice cream. A good place to eat lunch.
Cheese Shop, Bulk Foods – A variety of locally made cheeses, smoked & deli meats & a large selection of bulk foods.
Copper Kettle Cannery – Viewing gallery for watching jams, jellies, mustards, granola cereals & mustards being made.
Butter Churn Kitchenwares – Housewares & nostalgic mercantile items.
- 1:30 **Village of Berlin** Take a map & explore the many shops: quilts, woodworking, prints, rugs, linens, candles, craft supplies, antiques, plus much more. Has places to eat a lunch or snack.
- 4:30 Board bus to return to hotel at 5:00.

Wednesday, June 15, 2004

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 9:45 Board buses for day of tours. See main conference agenda.

Thursday, June 16, 2004

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 Storytelling
- 9:45 Car pool – destination to be announced. Please talk with Elaine Weygandt **before Thursday** if you are interested in going somewhere.