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Old House Fair Committee Report, Melady Kehm, Chair

Members to date: Jeanne Newlin, Colina Jordan, JoAnn Knupp, John Raiser

We have not met as yet but a discussion at the general meeting and ideas from members after the meeting led to several ideas. Among them:

Scheduling the event on a non-football weekend would allow participants several months to plan projects and get on contractor's schedules

Draw audience from other towns--State College, Lock Haven, Altoona, Hollidaysburg, Phillipsburg, Clearfield, Lewistown, Lewisburg, Milton, Williamsport, etc.

Invite exhibitors—Pest control, insurance, mold mitigation, fire prevention, building supplies....

Topics might include:

How to research your building's history and type of architecture

How to decide on type, color, and placement of paints

Putting your building on the National Register

What is a Historical and Architectural Review Board and how is it designed to work with the community (presented possibly by Robert Keal, Sue Hannegan, Erin Hammerstedt, or maybe someone from the National Trust who also might be able to address other topics also)?

A session for discussions and advice around participants' building photos (presented how and by whom?)

A talk about PHMC by Brian Van Sweden (field rep for our area)

Fire safety and old/historic buildings

Phil Hawk on masonry

Someone else on carpentry

Planning and zoning

A brief history of Bellefonte's Historic District

State College's buying, repairing, and selling program

Tour (or computer presentation) of downtown/residential Bellefonte

Saving our buildings