

# 2011 Historic Deutschtown House tour comments

collected by Randy Strothman

## FROM EMAILS

From LAAhlin@aol.com: "Awesome House Tour! One of the best we have ever been on! Thank you for such a beautiful day!"

Eileen Fearnley: "The house tour was very nice. The people were so gracious. I'm refreshed by having taken it. My daughter and I plan to have a drink at the Priory Hotel when she comes to town."

Cindy Cassel: "The tour was wonderful... all the homeowners were so welcoming and informative. The Priory courtyard was the perfect ending with good wine. Congratulations on a great day!"

Zak Kirkpatrick: "I just wanted to say we had a wonderful time being part of the tour, beyond the beautiful homes, it was pleasure meeting the neighbors all of whom made a special effort to make us feel right at home. We can't wait to be part of the neighborhood!"

Mark Fatla: "I hope you've all recovered from Sunday, but I want to assure you that the neighborhood looked fabulous and people came away very favorably impressed with the charm, comfort and vision of Historic Deutschtown. The weather cooperated and that was a stroke of luck, but everything else was clearly the product of preparation and advance planning:

- the booklet looked great,
- the houses were varied and interesting,
- the homeowners and neighbors were pleasant and engaged,
- the business district was inviting and
- it all created a supremely positive marketing image that will help attract future investment in homes and businesses.

So even if you're all bushed, pat each other on the back for showing folks how wonderful city living can be, and how comfortable and neighborly life in Historic Deutschtown is and will be. Please extend the compliments to all your members and volunteers. Thank you!"

Gary Shaffer: "The tour was a total success. I was surprised finding the new development of the town houses on James Street across from the hospital. The last time I walked by the site the property was vacant land. From the outside, the house looked like it had always been there... The Deutschtown bag and water were appreciated and the tour book was beautifully put together. Congratulations!"

Jordan Kay: "The house tour on Sunday was fantastic! We had so much fun and yes, we did end with wine at the Priory which was a great touch! Please send a huge thank you out to everyone that was involved, we truly had such a great time exploring the Deutch!"

## From neighbors....

JE Van Dyke & Joe Ferrara: "It was a perfectly delightful day of great spaces and great faces. It's was an honor to be included on the tour and we look forward to helping with many more.

Lynn Glorieux: "Thanks, Jen and everyone. I just love living in this neighborhood with all you wonderful people!"

Cody Walters: “What a day! We had such a good crew of people! We truly live in the best neighborhood in Pittsburgh!”

Rachel Booth: “Ditto what everyone else has said. So proud to be part of such an amazing neighborhood!”

Jen McNulty: “I'm so thrilled and proud. Thanks everyone for all your efforts in making our tour such a smashing success!”

Rebecca White: “We had a blast!! I am so glad we moved to Deutschtown!!”

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#### FROM FACEBOOK PAGES

Kate Meyer (*Jordan Kay's friend*): “We loved the tour!! Everyone was so informative and friendly! The wine tasting was a blast! Made new friends! Can't wait for next year's tour!!”

Denise Kiser: “Loved the tour! Deutschtown is a little gem. I was disappointed that Allegheny Antiques wasn't open when we stopped by. We enjoyed meeting the owners of the Sweet Time Cafe and Keep the Change.”

Marian Luisi: “It was awesome.”

Kevin Smay: “It was great. The experience of going inside the homes and the gardens took my appreciation of the neighborhood to new levels.”

Deb Balbo (in Maine): “Good Coverage! The houses looked terrific: such a wonderful change for the better:) Affordable, cool housing and 'no brainer' commute into the town.”

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Olga Noll: “Great job! I think the value of my house went up about 10K thanks to your efforts. It was very well organized and attended. I sent copies of all the fine literature to our former historic committee chair in Norway Maine.”